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Pledge to protect bats as flats for elderly plans unveiled

PLANS for 56 Flexicare flats for the elderly at the site of a residential care home controversially closed down four years ago have been unveiled.

Residents living close to the planned development on the site of the derelict Langbourn House and Hillcroft residential care homes were invited to a meeting last Tuesday night to discuss the plans.

The plans for the Flexicare complex, which are still in the outline stage, would see Langbourn and Hillcroft demolished with the building of 56 Flexicare flats, 10 beds offering respite provision for people with learning difficulties, a small reablement unit and the option for office space.

Planners are also looking to build a community centre offering a base for local clubs and a café. The plans have been unveiled by Staffordshire County Council which owns the site. The authority hasn't secured a developer at present but is looking to put the plans out to tender.

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The council wants outline planning permission to be granted early next year with the hope of being given full consent by Cannock Chase District Council in the autumn.

But the development could be stalled after evidence of bats, which are protected, were found in the buildings.

A spokesman for Staffordshire County Council said: "We are currently working with Natural England to ensure the welfare of the bats is prioritised.

"We are following their guidelines and will endeavour to handle them as safely and carefully as possible.

"However the presence of the bats is not going to affect the plans and the project for the site re-development is still progressing on time, as we had hoped."

Residents have been complaining about nuisance youths congregating at the derelict Langbourn and Hillcroft buildings where they have been smashing windows. A security team has been put in place to try to deter them.

Flexicare is aimed at the over 55s and offers independent living but with warden help on hand 24 hours a day and is an alternative to residential care.

There will be an opportunity for people to buy or rent their own Flexicare home. The plans could also include a hairdressing salon, laundry and a sensory garden.

Langbourn was closed down controversially in 2007 under the old Labour administration at Staffordshire County Council.

It was axed alongside a number of other residential care homes across the county as Staffordshire County Council looked to cut costs.

Hillcroft, which is adjacent to Langbourn, had closed down several years before due to cost cuts.

Front, l to r: Helen Noble as Cinderella and James Wolstenholme as Prince Charming: Back, l to r: Buttons Graham Tudor, sisters Pete Sidgwick and James Pellow and Emma Pearson as the Fairy Godmother

Acting couple TrEADing boards for festive show

A FORMER Hollyoaks actress and her West End star husband are treading the boards in panto at a Chase theatre.

Cannock-based performing arts group TrEAD, which is headed by former soap star Helen Noble and her actor husband Graham Tudor, is putting on an adaptation of Cinderella at the Rose Theatre in Taylors lane, Rugeley

The original run, which ends tomorrow (Friday) has sold out. However, due to popular demand, TrEAD has agreed to put on two extra performances.

Graham, who comes from Hednesford, said: "We've already sold out so there will be two extra shows on Sunday.

"We've got a 6pm performance and a matinee show at 2.30pm."

Graham will be playing Buttons and Helen, who was Abby Davies in Hollyoaks, will take the lead role of Cinderella.

For ticket information call 01889 584036.

Tory remains in Government role – for now

NAZI ROW MP SAYS SORRY

by TIM SPIERS

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COUNCILLORS, MPs, ex-servicemen and an Israeli association have all had their say on the controversy surrounding Aidan Burley but the Cannock Chase MP remains in his job – for now.

Mr Burley was filmed attending a stag party in France where the groom-to-be was dressed in a Nazi uniform while the group – not including the MP – allegedly chanted Nazi slogans.

A full investigation has been launched by the Conservative Party and Mr Burley, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Transport Secretary, has apologised.

However that apology wasn't enough for Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson, who called for Mr Burley's resignation.

"I think Aidan should resign as Parliamentary Private Secretary," Councillor Adamson said.

"He has let the people of Cannock Chase down by failing to dissociate himself from this behaviour."

The Tory chairman of Cannock Chase Council, John Beddows, said the MP's actions were "ill-judged and stupid", while deputy leader of the council, Janos Toth, said Mr Burley's judgement had "brought shame" to his constituency.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin raised his concerns to the House of Commons, asking whether it was in order for Mr Burley to retain his position as a member of the Government. "Surely David Cameron should sack him," Mr Austin added in a separate statement.

However, counteracting all the calls for Mr Burley to resign came messages of support from people who defended his character.

Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley

Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant was one who supported Mr Burley.

He said: "What is clear is that Aidan got into a very awkward situation and some might argue he should choose his friends more wisely, at least when they are blind drunk.

Involved

"What's equally clear is that Aidan was not involved at all in the shenanigans other than sitting there with acute embarrassment.

"Having seen the video I just wonder how many other readers have found themselves in a similar situation, where friends are behaving appallingly but it is difficult to extricate yourself."

Gavin Williamson, Conservative MP for neighbouring South Staffordshire, added: "I'm sure Aidan is deeply regretful of the whole situation. "There are few others who work so hard for their constituencies both locally and in Parliament.

Ex-serviceman Gordon Mycock, vice-chairman of Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club, said the story had been "blown out of all proportion", while the Conservative Friends of Israel (CFI) also defended Mr Burley.

CFI director Stuart Polak said: "I have worked closely and travelled to Israel with Aidan Burley.

"I know him well and he does not have an anti-Semitic bone in his body."

Regret

As for the man himself, Mr Burley said he was "extremely sorry" for any office that would undoubtedly have been caused.

The MP, – who was elected in May 2010 when he took Tony Wright's vacated Labour-held seat ahead of Labour candidate Sue Woodward – said: "There was clearly inappropriate behaviour by some of the other guests and I deeply regret that this happened."

He was among a group of 12 revellers celebrating the stag party of an accountant who wore an SS uniform to the celebrations, at a French ski resort.

It is alleged several members of the party – excluding Mr Burley – repeatedly chanted 'Mein Fuhrer' and 'Hitler' and toasted 'the Third Reich'.

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Ceremony honours fallen servicemen

A ROLL call of servicemen and women who have lost their lives during 2011 will be remembered during a special ceremony in Great Wyrley.

The service will be held on December 31 at 10.45am in the peace memorial gardens, on Walsall Road. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Annual walk to go ahead again

A NEW Year's Day walk first set up by Great Wyrley council stalwart is to go ahead again. Parish councillor Brian Wood, who regularly hosted the event, died of cancer earlier this year.

The village health group will hold the event in his memory. It sets off at 2pm from the rear of the Scouts Building, on Walsall Road.

Walkers are asked to collect sponsorship for St Giles and Marie Curie Cancer Care. Forms can be obtained from Brian's wife Sue on 01922 414181.

Youngsters help to light up village

TWO youngsters helped light up Bridgtown for the festive season after being nominated by their head teacher.

Georgia Cantrill, aged 10, and Melissa Lewis, 11, from Bridgtown Primary, were chosen by headteacher Jo Raybould to switch on the lights after they write to say why they deserved to do it.

The duo, both members of the school choir, led their fellow singers to perform Christmas carols after the event before hundreds flocked back to Bethel Church for more singing and refreshments.

Parish council chairman Councillor Eddie Smith said: "This is the fourth year running that the event has drawn so many people. It really shows the kind of community spirit we have here."

Councillor Smith also praised all the children who braved the cold to entertain the crowds.

Mrs Raybould said: "The school choir have done so much in the community so we wanted to give them the chance to do something special for their town.

"Their letters were beautiful because they emphasised how they wanted to make sure the whole community had a nice and happy Christmas.

"There was a good turn-out as always and we are very proud of our choir."

Councillor Eddie Smith, Georgia Cantrill, Councillor John Beddows and Melissa Lewis

Top police officer in vow after shake-up

THE way crime is recorded in Staffordshire will not change when a shake-up of policing comes into effect, a senior officer has pledged.

From January, Staffordshire Police will instruct officers in the south of the county to consider "alternatives to arrest" such as solving neighbour disputes through talks and issuing instant fines.

A specialist investigations unit will also be set up to gather evidence against suspects arrested in connection with serious offences.

Deputy Chief Constable Douglas Paxton moved to reassure residents that all crimes, including those dealt with by officers over the phone, would continue to be logged in the same way.

"Let me be clear – if something was a crime six months ago it is a crime now," he said.

"We will record crime in the same way. The way we resolve it is where we are looking to work much smarter."

He added: "What we are serious about is outcomes for residents who want to see less crime.

"But we also have to be serious about the transformation that we are making."

Forensics

Mr Paxton added that having trained police officers to man phones had proved successful, as they put callers at ease.

More incidents will be dealt with over the phone rather than being attended in person by an officer.

Auditors KPMG are set to carry out a £295,000 review of Staffordshire Police's intelligence, forensics and admin operations.

They have already completed a £480,000 study of frontline policies which has led to the changes, due in January.

Staffordshire Police needs to save £38m over the next four years.

The new investigations unit for the south of the county is due to start work covering Essington, Great Wyrley, Cheslyn Hay, Cannock, Lichfield and Stafford from January 30.

Pensioner in council tax benefit fraud

A PENSIONER from Burntwood must pay back nearly £4,000 to Lichfield District Council after admitting being a benefit cheat for five years.

Anita Beresford, aged 79, of Browning Road, pleaded guilty to three charges of dishonestly making a false representation for her council tax benefit claim.

Burton magistrates heard last month how Mrs Beresford had failed to declare all her capital, and that her false claim took place over five years.

She was overpaid £3,895 in council tax benefit, which she is now repaying to the council. Mrs Beresford was also fined £160 and ordered to pay £250 and a £15 victim surcharge.

Two months earlier another Burntwood woman, 64-year-old Christine Davis, pleaded guilty to three charges of housing and council tax benefit fraud.

The same court heard that Mrs Davis, of Norton Lane, failed to declare an annuity on her housing benefit and council tax benefit claim forms.

As a result of her actions she was overpaid £1,717 in housing and council tax benefit, which she is repaying to the council.

Mrs Davis was sentenced to six months community punishment and supervision order and ordered to pay £450 costs.

Councillor Mike Wilcox, leader of Lichfield District Council, said: "If you claim council tax and/or housing benefits, these cases highlight just how important it is to tell us immediately if anything changes that could affect your benefit.

"If you are worried about your claim, please contact our benefits team as soon as possible, so they can help to make sure you are claiming the right amount."

For advice with housing or council tax benefit email benefits@lichfielddc.gov.uk or call Lichfield District Council on 01543 308900.

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Businessman has county fare all boxed up

Local produce no hamper to success

The County Hamper Company produce. Pictured is Oliver Bradley from Lichfield, with his daughter Beatrice aged three

WITH goose pate from Cheslyn Hay, apple juice from the Shugborough estate and chocolate from Lichfield, Oliver Bradley was spoiled for choice when he set up his hamper business.

The 35-year-old has created the County Hamper Company from his Lichfield home where he just sells items from Staffordshire – and it is proving popular with ex-pats. The web developer and designer set up the business a year ago and this Christmas he has been inundated with requests and is shipping out 60 hampers for the festive celebrations.

Other items in the hampers include cake from Whittington, near Lichfield, jams from Woodseaves, near Stafford, and mayonnaise from Hill Ridware, near Rugeley.

Oliver, who lives in Agincourt Road, Lichfield, with his wife Sarah and children Beatrice, three, and Thomas, six months, came up with the idea while at work.

"Working for a marketing company I regularly saw people coming in with good business ideas and I thought I could give it a go," says Oliver, who works at the Marketing People in Burntwood.

Popular

"I knew I had the skills to create my own business, and regional food is becoming more popular and so I decided to sell the items online."

Oliver thought about coming up with an online deli but then started to formulate plans for the hamper company.

He said: "I have around 30 different products from 15 suppliers and our 'Staffordshire Hoard' is our largest hamper.

"Luckily my wife is very supportive and does a lot of the running around for me – it is a team effort.

"I'm lucky because I have the ability to set up a good website and that is where we get a lot of our customers from.

"The hampers are popular with ex-pats and I often send them out to places like Australia and Ireland.

"People also like to buy them for family who live in Staffordshire – and giving something that is regional makes it a bit more special."

Christmas event in village draws 6,000

MORE Christmas events are planned for Penkridge, following a market that attracted more than 6,000 people.

A fine food and craft market is scheduled for this Saturday (December 17). It will feature a selection of craft stalls, food and drink, and Santa will be there, while the Salvation Army Band will be singing Christmas carols.

Markets will also take place every Wednesday and Saturday, leading up to Christmas, including Christmas Eve.

The Old Deanery Farm Cafe will serve festive food including a traditional turkey lunch.

Figures released by organisers reveal Penkridge's Victorian Christmas Market, on November 25, welcomed more visitors than ever before.

Organiser Anne Geoghegan said: "It's always a fantastic event and marks the start of the festive season in Penkridge. This year was exceptional, with twice as many visitors as last year.

"The market was buzzing and there was a great atmosphere."

Refunds to passengers hit by railway disruption

THOUSANDS of passengers caught up in chaos on the rail network after an overhead cable fault in Penkridge were due to find out this week how much compensation they can claim for the disruption.

Network Rail is facing paying out thousands of pounds in compensation to Virgin, Cross Country and London Midland for the 36-hour failure, which saw more than 700 trains across the Midlands affected.

The line originally failed at around 8.30pm on Monday, December 5. Following a repair, the overhead line snapped the following morning.

Passengers who lost a day's pay in hours of delays have been told they are only entitled to a refund to the value of their ticket. Cross Country said passengers delayed for more than an hour would get a full refund. However, Virgin said customers who boarded affected trains are only entitled to 25 per cent of their fare in travel vouchers.

London Midland referred people to its website.

Speeding drivers are main concern

OFFICERS from Cannock Chase Local Policing Team have carried out consultation day with Rawnsley community. Pc Luke Norman and PCSO Sean Nicholls, visited addresses on November 30 to find out views on policing issues.

PCSO Nicholls said: "It was good to be able to visit and speak to some of the more vulnerable members of the community."

Pc Norman added: "The main issue of concern for some people was in relation to speeding vehicles."

Lunch follows walk

A MODERATE seven-mile walk by the Chase & District Group Ramblers will be followed by Christmas lunch at the Wildwood pub, in Stafford, on Sunday (December 18). Meet at Hednesford bus station car park, in Victoria Street, for a prompt 9am departure. Walk leader is Rob on 07954 170369.

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Campaign to tackle drink violence

COUNCIL bosses in Cannock have teamed up with emergency services and Women's Aid to launch a campaign addressing alcohol-related violence over the festive season.

While it is only a small minority of people who commit such offences, statistics show an increase in reports of alcohol-related violence over the Christmas period.

It's Never Ok will be launched tomorrow, December 16, and will promote two key messages including: Violent Night – encouraging night-time revellers not to get too drunk and commit alcohol related violence and Season's Beatings – preventing incidents of domestic violence by challenging the behaviour of the perpetrator and encouraging victims to report their abuse.

This year's campaign will show the significant effects alcohol can have on you and to raise awareness of domestic violence. Striking posters with the campaign messages will be displayed across the district in pubs, off licenses and fast food outlets.

Messages for the alcohol-related violence element (Violent Night) include: Are you pretty, stylish, confident . . . and out of control after a glass or two?

Bar staff and door staff will wear large pin badges and t-shirts in support of the campaign. Various fast food outlets will also be placing stickers on packaging.

Afraid

Revellers are being encouraged to contact Adsis on 0844 561 7079 if they feel they have a problem with their drinking.

Messages for the domestic violence element (Season's Beatings) include: Are you the BIG MAN, the provider, the daddy . . . and the one your partner's afraid of?

Taxi wardens will hand out small flyers to males as they get into their taxi at the end of the night and help cards will be distributed by the council's housing team to its vulnerable tenants.

Perpetrators are being encouraged to call Respect on 0808 802 4040 if they think their behaviour is abusive and victims are being urged to ring Staffordshire Women's Aid on 0870 2700 123 to report their abuse.

Councillor George Adamson, Leader of the Council, said: "Alcohol-related violence is completely unacceptable at any time of the year, and tackling this issue is one of the top priorities for the Council and the police.

Chief Inspector Carl Ratcliffe, commander of Cannock Chase policing Team, said: "Our focus is to keep the district of Cannock Chase a safe place for all to enjoy."

Wes Southall, Risk Reduction Officer, Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service, said: "We are supporting this campaign with a focus on domestic fires."

The campaign is being funded by Chase Community Safety Partnership.

From left:Connie Corbishley, Project Worker from Adsis, Chief Inspector Carl Ratcliffe, Councillor George Adamson, and Wes Southall

Terry joins glory day at library

WOLVES fans have the opportunity to meet a hero from the club's golden era this weekend during a book signing at Cannock Library.

Terry Wharton will be at the Manor Avenue-based library on Saturday (17) from 10am to noon to sign copies of a new book about the history of Darlaston Town Football Club, whom he managed for a spell in the 1970s.

A winger in his playing days, Wharton played for Wolves from 1957 to 1967, during which time legendary names such as Billy Wright, Peter Broadbent, Ron Flowers and Peter Knowles graced the Molineux turf.

Wharton's finest hour arguably came in March 1963 when he netted a hat-trick in a 7-0 demolition of Wolves' arch-rivals West Bromwich Albion.

In total Wharton scored 79 goals in 242 appearances in gold and black before going on to play for Bolton Wanderers, Crystal Palace and Walsall.

He also managed West Midlands sides Stourbridge, Brewood and Wednesfield, but it is his Darlaston tenure which will be regaled at Cannock Library when he joins author Neil Chambers, from Norton Canes, for the book signing.

For copies of the book, which costs £7.50, email chambers568@btinternet.com or call 01543 458348.

Mystery over final moments

THE final moments of a three-month-old boy's life may never been known unless the father who killed him reveals how it happened.

Jonathan Goode never gave a definitive account of what led to the death of his baby Luke.

Police said 29-year-old Goode kept changing his version of events but there was "overwhelming" evidence that Luke had not been dropped and had received a blunt blow to his head.

Goode had claimed he accidentally dropped Luke in the bathroom of the house, causing him to bang his head on the floor. But medical evidence showed the little boy had suffered a blunt blow to the head and this was not consistent with Goode's story.

Det Ch Insp Tim Martin, who led the inquiry, said: "The Crown Prosecution Service was trying to establish who was responsible for the death, we knew the injuries were not accidental."

He added: "The version of the events kept changing as the investigation went on.

"His first account was that the child was dropped by accident, he kept changing his version of events. There was no definitive version of events, but our medical experts had overwhelming evidence he hadn't been dropped and he couldn't explain it."

Mr Martin said Goode has seemed remorseful and his partner, Jemma Pope, had stayed with him throughout the trial. "I think he was saddened by what had happened," he added.

Father jailed for the killling of little Luke

A FATHER has been jailed for seven years for killing his three-month old son at their Cannock home.

Luke Goode died from head injuries which he suffered at the hands of Jonathan Goode on October 22, 2009.

He was rushed to Stafford Hospital two days after an incident at the family home in Lupin Drive, Huntington.

But medics said he was in a serious condition and transferred him to Birmingham Children's Hospital for specialist treatment. They were unable to save the youngster and he died shortly after arriving.

Jonathan Goode – jailed for seven years

Goode, aged 29, had claimed he accidentally dropped Luke in the bathroom of the house, causing him to bang his head on the floor.

But medical evidence showed that the little boy had suffered a blunt blow to the head and was not consistent with Goode's story.

Detectives launched an investigation but the father consistently denied he had caused his son any harm.

He was charged with murder but found guilty of manslaughter after a four week trial at Birmingham Crown Court

Det Ch Insp Tim Martin, who led the inquiry, praised officers for their perseverance.

"Goode concocted a story to cover his tracks after inflicting fatal injuries on Luke," he said.

"Luke was too small to defend himself and was killed by the person who was supposed to protect him."

Pupils' lemon-aid for charity

Teaching assistant Pamela Jerromes, with pupils (left-right) Matthew Southall, aged nine, Emily Lewis, nine, Lauren Celvedon, 10, Kieran Jeremy, 11, Jay Ford, nine, and Kayleigh Wain, seven, at Western Springs Community primary school, Rugeley

YOUNGSTERS at Western Springs Primary School, Rugeley, have raised more than £500 through charity events.

The pupils made their own lemonade and set up a stand to sell on their fresh produce. Another idea the school council had was to raise money for Help for Heroes by attending school dressed as "real-life heroes".

Headteacher Shirley Wellings said: "We had a good selection; we had some come dressed up as firemen, some came as nurses, others came as doctors, army people."

The students were inspired after a visit by armed forces personnel from RAF Cosford.

The children have also sponsored a Californian Grey Wolf which lives at the Wolf Conservation Centre in the United States.

Purse-snatch couple rob woman, 86

AN ELDERLY woman had her purse stolen from her handbag as she shopped at a Cannock supermarket.

The theft happened at around 11.30am on Saturday, November 26, at Sainsbury's, Voyager Drive.

The 86-year-old victim's purse was in her handbag in her trolley. Her bank cards were later used to withdraw a large amount of cash and to buy items from a nearby store.

The offenders are described as being in their early 30s and of eastern European appearance.

One was a woman, 5ft 4in, of medium build and with dark-coloured hair tied-up. She wore a long dark-coloured coat which came to just above her knees, dark trousers and brown boots with white fur around the top. The other, a man, was approximately 6ft, slim with short scruffy black hair and stubble. He wore a light-coloured shirt, a black leather jacket and blue jeans.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Pc Kerry McMahon on 101, quoting incident number 516.

Scratch card thief sentenced

THE assistant manager of a Penkridge store stole more than £11,000 of lottery scratch cards but never hit the jackpot, a judge heard.

Tracy Whittaker took the cards from the Co-Op, Boscomoor Lane, over two years – but the most she ever cashed in was £100. She also defrauded the store by exchanging money-off vouchers for cash, the court heard.

Mr Paul Farrow, prosecuting, said the face value of the scratch cards was £11,597 although the total amount stolen was just under £15,000.

Whittaker cashed in any winning tickets at other outlets. It was not known how much she had "won" but most of prizes were between £2 to £20. Her biggest single prize was £100.

The 32-year-old, of Rowley Grove, Stafford, admitted theft and false accounting and was given a six month jail suspended for two years, curfewed for two months and ordered to pay £1,000 compensation. Mr Farrow said when questioned she said she found it hard to believe tthe amount taken.

Mr Mark Sheppard, defending, said: "She was experiencing very difficult personal circumstances. She had been involved in the lease of a pub with her partner. When the lease came to an end, her partner started to drink to excess."

The money was used to support his alcohol addiction, he added.

Cemetery backed

A 12,000-plot cemetery planned for Great Wyrley has been backed by South Staffordshire Council. The development in Upper Landywood Lane was supported by the full council on Tuesday night, with final approval due from the regulatory committee. Essington councillor David Clifft said: "We are in desperate need of burial space." Landowner Ken Lees, of Teddesley Park, near Penkridge, has donated around 12 acres.

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A&E decision appals council

HEDNESFORD Town Council has written to the Health Secretary saying people in the town are among the hardest-hit by the closure of Stafford Hospital's A&E department.

The council has urged Andrew Lansley to do everything in his power to reopen the troubled department as soon as possible as townsfolk now face a 40 minute journey to hospital in Burton upon Trent or Stoke-on-Trent, rather than a short drive to Stafford.

Stafford Hospital's A&E is currently closed between 10pm and 8am – a three-month temporary measure from December 1. The town council says the closure will put lives at risk.

In the letter, the town council says: "After all the recent disclosures about the bad practices at Stafford Hospital it is difficult to imagine how things could get any worse, but they have.

"The town council was appalled to read in the press of a decision to close the accident and emergency department from 10pm to 8am.

"This decision has been taken without any consultation, with very little notice and no information being provided to the public about alternative provision. This additional travelling time is going to put lives at risk and place additional pressure and costs on an already overstretched paramedic and ambulance service."

Health trust selects new chief

A NEW chairman has been appointed to take over the running of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust from Sir Stephen Moss.

Professor John Caldwell helped instigate changes in the aftermath of the Alder Hey Children's Hospital organ scandal as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Liverpool University.

The trust's council of governors approved the appointment at their quarterly meeting at Stafford Hospital this week. Prof Caldwell, now pro-vice chancellor at Liverpool University, said he was "very pleased" to have been chosen.

"The agenda is a challenging one and I look forward to working with all our stakeholders in the community and our staff to ensure a bright future for the essential services the trust provides," he said.

Governors were told that there had been much interest in the post, with informal discussions with more than 100 potential candidates.

Professor Caldwell, who was chosen from a shortlist of four, is a pharmacist by training, holding a PhD in biochemistry and a DSc in pharmacology.

Between 1972 and 2002 he held a series of posts at St Mary's Hospital Medical School and Imperial College in London.

Pritchard son is MD of group company

TWO jobs have been created with the launch of a new property management, development and investment company in Hednesford.

The Anglesey Group has been set up in the town following a £6 million bank finance deal.

Managing director Jonathan Pritchard, 41-year-old son of Hednesford developer Fred Pritchard, is leading the company formed as part of a recent restructure of The Pritchard Group.

It takes over the management of more than 200 properties which are Pritchard family assets.

Four staff have moved from the old group and two new staff taken on. The Pritchard Group restructure came after it secured bank refinancing. It has been separated into two entities, the ongoing property investment and development business and The Anglesey Group.

Experience

Chairman Fred Pritchard and chief executive Charles Tippet will take forward the new strategy for The Pritchard Group, seeing the company create joint venture partnerships to pursue its property development projects and managing the current investment portfolio of industrial, commercial and residential properties.

Both companies will operate from the base at Anglesey Lodge, in Hednesford, but will pursue their own separate business plans.

Jonathan Pritchard said: "For me, this is the start of a new era. Over the last 20 years I have gained considerable knowledge with the Pritchard Group and have a very wide range of experience including leading the team managing the Ramada Cannock Hotel.

"It is a really exciting challenge. All the planning and preparation is now beginning to pay dividends."

"The new firm has a five-year business model for improving the portfolio, refurbishing and trading certain assets to create a more profitable, streamlined organisation."

Pop Idol Will headline act at forest gig

POP Idol winner Will Young has been announced as the second act to perform at Cannock Chase Forest next summer.

The news was today hailed as a "big boost" for the area. The Pop Idol winner will perform on June 30 and follows rapper Plan B, who will play on June 29.

Cannock Chase Council chiefs said the star had "universal appeal" and would help pull a young crowd to the Forestry Commission-run event.

This year's concerts featured 1980s pop-synth group Erasure and Scottish rockers Simple Minds, and 97 per cent of tickets were sold.

Council leader George Adamson said: "This is great news which shows that the Cannock Chase concerts are really taking off.

"Will Young is certainly a big name to attract and it will bring a new audience in as he has universal appeal.

"The concerts are a boost for the local economy. It brings in extra trade and people buy things here."

Young is taking part in a string of Forestry Commission concerts nationwide.

Tickets cost £35 and go on sale at 9am tomorrow (Friday). Call 03000 680400 or log on to www.forestry.gov.uk/music.

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Gems haul alert for pawnbrokers

A LARGE haul of jewellery was stolen in a burglary at a home in Cannock. Four rings and more than six necklaces were among gems stolen in Heath Street last Friday.

Staffordshire Police said the jewellery was of high value and of great sentimental importance and urged pawnbrokers and gold exchange shops to be on alert.

The jewellery includes an 18ct gold three-stone princess-cut diamond ring, three yellow-gold diamond rings, and one pair of 14-carat white-gold princess-cut diamond earrings.

Facebook outcry of protest over homes

A 700-HOME development to feature a new school, shops and road in Hednesford has sparked a public outcry. Protesting townsfolk have taken to Facebook encourage more opposition the proposals for Pye Green.

They claim it will destroy wildlife, devalue their properties and increase pollution. Resident Janet Jenkins has posted an appeal on Facebook campaign group What Future for Cannock Chase Forest? Mrs Jenkins has also produced a letter which residents can print out.

The letter reads: "I feel I must object strongly to the application due to:

● A major increase of traffic to the existing road network, in particular the already congested Pye Green Road.

● Destruction of the landscape and the natural habitat of many living things.

● An increase in noise and air pollution.

● The cumulative impact and the eradication of the aesthetics and natural beauty of the area.

● The devaluation of house prices adjacent and near to the land.

● The impact of privacy of homes close to the land."

But Hednesford North councillor Doris Grice has welcomed the scheme for the land off Pye Green Road, saying that people need homes in Hednesford and this will be a solution.

Community

Developers say it will create 1,000 construction jobs, and scores of teaching and shop posts when complete.

St Modwen wants to build on an area the size of 95 football pitches, with more than half earmarked as parks and allotments.

A community centre and shopping hub would sit at the heart of the development,while the school would cater for up to 30 pupils in each academic year.

Homes will have one to five bedrooms

Lisa Pearce, who led a campaign about the new road being built in Pye Green, said her fear is how much traffic could be created from the new development is it is linked up with.

Knifepoint raid man locked up for 45 months

A 20-YEAR-OLD man has been sentenced to three years and nine months in a young offenders' institution after robbing a Lichfield store at knifepoint.

Grant Cummings, of Baker Street, Burntwood, committed the robbery at the Trade In computer shop in Wheel Lane on April 30.

He threatened the shopkeeper, a man, with a knife and stole £100 in cash.

Cummings was sentenced to 45 months in a YOI at Stafford Crown Court on Monday (December 12), after pleading guilty to robbery at a previous hearing.

Inspector Jed White, Local Policing Team Commander for Lichfield, said: "Cummings has started a lengthy sentence after committing a serious and violent crime.

"This was the result of an excellent and thorough investigation by detectives.

"We're committed to making Lichfield a safer place to live and work.

"I have no doubt that Lichfield is safer as a result of Cummings' sentence."

Strictly no slow tempo at 94

Sylvia Clarke, aged 94, Daisy Johnstone, 93, Connie Hunt, 92, and Lily Allman, 90, dance regularly at the Peace Memorial Hall, in Penkridge

THEIR quickstep may be a little slow now, but these ballroom veterans could waltz any youngster off the dance floor.

The light-footed foursome – all in their 90s – are regulars at Penkridge Age Concern Sequence Dance Club which meets weekly at the Peace Memorial Hall, in Pinfold Lane.

The popular group, which attracts more than 50 dancers a session, recently marked Sylvia Clarke's 94th birthday. As the oldest member, she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

But not far behind her come Daisy Johnstone, 93, Lily Allman, 90, and Connie Hunt, 92, who show no signs of retiring from the dance floor any time soon.

Roy Sutton, who runs the group, said: "They're an inspiration to everyone else," said Roy, a mere nipper at 67. Two of the four, Lily and Sylvia, have been attending since it launched in 1984.

Chip shop rapped by hygiene inspector

THE owners of a Cannock fish and chip shop were ordered to clean up their act after health inspectors handed it a damning "no star" rating.

An inspection of Chadsmoor Fish Bar, in Cannock Road, in November on behalf of Cannock Chase Council and a 'marked'deterioration' was noted.

"The standards of cleaning were very poor and the anti-bacterial spray was filthy and stored in a box in the servery, which indicates that disinfection was not carried out.

"The walls were dirty with black dirt evident in all food prep areas."

Other areas described as dirty were the food preparation area floor, the "dusty" shelves, mats in the wash-up area, the wash hand basins and the staff toilet.

Staff were found using cardboard boxes to line the floor. The inspector said: "This is an unhygienic material and must not be used on the floor."

Staff at the shop were ordered to clean the can opener, the gas cooker, the pressure cooker, the potato chipper, the walk-in freezer and the walk-in chiller. Karl Singh, the chip shop owner, said lead had been taken from the roof by thieves in June.

This meant rain had soaked the inside of the premises, causing a build-up of dirt.

He added: "It's looking beautiful now and the inspector has been back and is happy with everything."

Air ambulance for car crash woman

A WOMAN was left fighting for her life after a collision with a car near Burntwood.

The 53-year-old was struck in Windmill Lane, Gentleshaw, at 9.50am yesterday (Wednesday) by a burgundy Ford Focus.

An air ambulance was called from Cosford and paramedics treated the woman for a serious head injury before she was taken to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The driver, a 64-year-old local man, was uninjured, but the road remained closed for around two hours.

Witnesses are asked to contact Staffordshire Pc Kelly Bufton on 101.

Santa's charity visit

SANTA has found time in his busy schedule to visit a Chadsmoor charity shop this Saturday (December 17) and help its Shoebox Appeal. The International Aid Trust shop, in Cannock Road, welcomes Father Christmas from 11am-2pm, and will be handing out presents to youngsters.

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Busy route to close for roadworks

A BUSY main road in Hednesford town centre will shut for three months as part of a roadworks scheme.

Victoria Street will close from February as part of a wider £50m regeneration of the town.

The closure will cover the middle section of Victoria Street, from the end of the bungalows to the new drill hall.

It is being shut while workers install a new roundabout and divert services such as sewer and water drains under the site. Diversions are still to be finalised.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "It will cause a lot of disruptions, but it needs to be a done so people can get on with the work safely."

The Hednesford regeneration programme has been split into two phases.

Under phase one five shops fronting onto Market Street are being built while Hollywood Bingo has moved.

The road closure is needed so progress can be made on phase two, which will include the creation of an 85,000sq ft Tesco store.

Keyboardist makes return

ORGANIST Robert Wolfe makes a welcome return to the Burntwood Music For All Group tonight (Thursday).

The resident organist of the famed Thursford Collection in Norfolk will be performing at the Memorial Hall, Rugeley Road, Burntwood, from 7.30pm.

The youngest ever organist to play the Wurlitzer at Blackpool Tower, Wolfe recently celebrated his 50th birthday as well as his 30th season at the popular Norfolk Steam Museum where he plays throughout the summer season.

His concert programme includes numbers from Edward Elgar and Albert Ketelbey through to Bucks Fizz and Brotherhood of Man along with ragtime and Latin American.

Tickets are £5, available at the door, including drinks and nibbles. Call CMP Promotions for more details on 01530 274270.

Carol singers in record bid

CHURCHGOERS in Burntwood hope to hit the right notes when they take part in a Christmas world record attempt.

St John's Community Church, Chase Terrace is among those attempting the record for the largest number of people singing the same carols at the same time at 6.30pm on Sunday, December 18.

The proceedings will also be recorded. Festive refreshments will be available at 7.30pm to reward all those taking part.

Call the parish office on 01543 304611, visit **www.stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk** or e-mail vicar@stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk

Fence enables family to enjoy garden in peace

A FAMILY from Rugeley can enjoy the safety of their garden after a fence was installed to combat vandalism.

Thanks to the work of Partners Assuring a Safer Staffordshire (PASS), the homeowner – who suffered numerous problems with local youths – can now rest easy when her children are outside.

PCSO Liz Dale of the Chase local policing team and parent support worker Jo Smithers received funding from PASS, and with the assistance of Treeway Fencing from Cannock Wood, were able to arrange the delivery of the fence. It was fitted free of charge by Ed and Colin from Spirita home improvement agency – funded by Staffordshire County Council and Dan from Woodfield building services.

Liz said without the companies' help the project could not have gone ahead. "We saw the problems the family were having and the impact it was having on their day-to-day lives.

"Having a secure garden has really improved things for them and it highlights how partnership working can really make a difference in our communities," she said.

"This is also a good example of work being carried out locally to help combat nuisance behaviour. Not only are we out on the streets tackling it directly – we are also thinking of preventative measures that can be put in place."

Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for community safety Robert Marshall said: "It is pleasing to see that this resident's problems have been resolved thanks to the PASS funding.

"Through initiatives like this, PASS is helping to ensure that we are doing all we possibly can with our partners to make Staffordshire a place where people can live safely."

Ground falls silent as pit disaster recalled

Hednesford Town players fall silent to mark the pit disaster of 1911

Marvin Robinson with descendants of Jacob Ward and Thomas Stokes

HUNDREDS of football fans paid tribute to five miners who died in a pit tragedy a century ago.

Hednesford Town's Keys Park ground is on part of the former colliery site and the crowd fell silent as players, staff and more than 400 supporters marked the 100th anniversary of the Old Hednesford Colliery disaster. William Edgar Bradbury, aged 19, who supported his widowed mother; Jacob Ward, 49, who was married with a big family; William Baugh, 27 and Thomas Stokes and William Stacey Reeves, both married men in their 40s, were remembered during a minute's solemn reflection.

Descendants of Mr Ward and Mr Stokes were at Saturday's home match against Mickleover Sports.

Peter Barker, vice-chairman of the Cannock Chase Mining Historical Society, which organised the minute's silence, said: "As this was the 100th anniversary of the tragedy the football club felt it would be very appropriate if we had a minute's silence."

The disaster happened when a huge fire broke out just after midday at the Cannock Chase no 9 pit on December 14, 1911.

The blaze was believed to have started in the lamphouse 20 yards from the bottom of the shaft. Tragically, Mr Stokes had made it to safety but decided to go back to try to rescue the others. One of the rescue party described it as "like a burning furnace – impossible to get through".

Some 15 horses were also burned alive and the fire raged for many hours.

Old Hednesford Colliery on the day of the huge blaze in December 1911 that killed five people

Brigades

The fire, which ravaged the pit and would have caused its collapse, was thought to have started at a 'Shukey House' where oil was kept to refill lamps.

News of a problem at the pit brought huge crowds and the fire raged for hours. Rescue brigades came from as far as Birmingham and Kidsgrove.

It wasn't until the early hours of the morning that the fire was finally beaten. Thirteen months later in 1913 the Mines Rescue Service was created at Victoria Street in Hednesford.

The first superintendent was Joshua Payton, from Cannock Fire Service – one of the first to fight the fire.

Following the blaze an inquest jury recommended a man be put in charge of the 'Shukey House' and said sand should be kept nearby so the chances of such a devastating fire happening again were reduced.

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Jailed for hammer attack on neighbour

A CANNOCK man who hit his neighbour over the head with a hammer in a row over loud music has been jailed for four and half years.

Kevin Clifton had been drinking when he struck Mr Gareth Tongue in the block of flats where they lived, Stafford crown court heard.

Clifton denied wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, but was convicted by a jury in November.

The jury heard that Mr Tongue was getting ready for a fancy dress party and had a convict's uniform on when the assault happened.

Clifton, aged 41, of Walhouse Street, Cannock, appeared for sentencing last Friday (December 9).

Judge Simon Tonking told him: "You struck Mr Tongue on the side of the head with a hammer. You and he were neighbours, your flat was immediately above his. Having heard the evidence, you and he had had words about him having been in your garden.

"On this occasion you were disturbed by noise, that's what caused you to go to the front door."

Mr Nick Burn, prosecuting, said as a result of the attack, which happened on July 14, Mr Tongue suffered only swelling above his ear and a graze.

"It appears to have been a single blow, albeit not delivered with any significant force."

Shoppers on the increase

THE number of people shopping in Cannock has risen while other towns and cities in the UK continue to struggle in the difficult economic climate.

Footfall in Cannock rose by 12.8 per cent per in November 2010 compared to a decrease of one per cent elsewhere in Britain. Cannock Shopping manager Natal Chapman said: "We're obviously bucking the trend in Staffordshire which is great news."

Ms Chapman said Cannock Shopping Centre, which represents about 40 per cent of the town's retailers, had benefited from the opening of new shops.

She said: "We've had a couple of new tenants, including The 99p Shop, which has definitely made a difference to shopper numbers. In fact we have not got many void units at all."

Art group puts work on display

A GROUP of artists from Great Wyrley are exhibiting their work at a Telford theatre.

The Wyrley Artists have been exhibiting together for eight years and will showcase their work at The Gallery Bar at Oakengates Theatre @ The Place.

The 'Diversity' display is on view until January 7 with most of the pieces for sale.

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Gladiator ready for hospice challenge

A FORMER Gladiators star is encouraging people to push themselves to the limit to support a local hospice.

Kim Betts, aka Lightning, wants to inspire an army of fundraisers in Katharine House Hospice's Endurance Challenge. The 5.4mile run starts and ends at Milford Common, near Stafford, on Sunday, March 11, next year.

Kim, from Burntwood, said she hoped to see a good crowd of people taking part and the fundraiser is a great way of getting people active and raising money for charity at the same time.

She added: "It's a local charity and I always try and do what I can in the local community. I've had a look around here and they are just lovely people."

Staff at the charity are also encouraging people taking part in upcoming marathons to consider raising money for the hospice.

For more information call 01785 270808 or visit the hospice website at **www.kh hospice.org.uk**

Kim Betts, aka former Gladiator Lightning, appeals to people to take up a sporting challenge for Katharine House Hospice

Chance to get messy

FAMILIES are invited to get messy at a Hednesford church for a post-Christmas fun day.

Trinity Church, Station Road, will host the event on Wednesday, December 28, from 2pm until 4pm.

Crafts, stories, songs and food will all be on offer throughout the afternoon.

The event is also set to continue once a month during 2012.

For more information call Carol on 01543 877787 or Wendy on 01543 425434.

Memorial plea by old mine workers

FORMER pitmen have written to civic bosses for permission to put up a new mining memorial dedicated to those who worked at two Rugeley collieries.

The move follows the formation of the Lea Hall and Brereton Collieries Memorial Trust by ex-miners and their families.

A site for the memorial has yet to be finalised and the amount of money needed to commission and put it up also has to be costed before any work.

There are already mining memorials in Hednesford town centre – in the form of a Davey lamp – and a pithead sculpture at Queens Square in Cannock town centre.

However the existence of the old Lea Hall Colliery, which closed in 1990, and Brereton, which shut in 1960, is not marked in Rugeley.

Facebook

Regeneration chiefs at Cannock Chase Council invited members of the society to address them at their meeting this week.

Brian Batey, one of the organisers of the memorial fund, said there was already a lot of support from the area and a Facebook site had also been created. Discussions have been held by the group on how to finance it and a social gathering has been organised at Lea Hall Miners' Welfare Centre, Sandy Lane, in February to kick-start the fundraising.

The history of mining in the area goes back to the 1840s when the first of the collieries in the Brereton area opened.

The Coppice Colliery was to suffer the worst pit disaster in the history of the Brereton coalfields in 1861, when an explosion caused by flooding, resulting in the deaths of five men and two boys.

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Drivers picking up £91k parking fines

MOTORISTS in Cannock Chase paid more than £91,000 in parking fines in six months.

Figures showed the number of tickets handed out by enforcers in the district rose four per cent.

Despite one of five parking officers being axed to cut costs the four remaining workers issued 3,451 tickets between April and September, up from 3,314 for the same period last year.

Parking ticket cancellations fell from 22 per cent to 17 per cent, with 591 tickets issued in Cannock rescinded on appeal by the parking enforcement service.

Despite the number of tickets issued bosses said the service operated at a loss and was subsidised by Staffordshire County Council.

Officers targeted parking hotspots at residents' requests and patrolled schools to crackdown on parents ignoring yellow zig-zag lines.

The figures include both on and off-street parking penalties.

Council leader George Adamson said: "It is vital we keep the streets clear. People would park without any thought for others if we didn't have the wardens.

"The service runs at a loss but is subsidised by the county council.

Demand

"Schools are a major problem, not only here but nationally. There's a constant demand from all our schools to come and enforce the parking regulations."

Councillor Adamson said another area of concern was Brunswick Road, near Cannock Chase Hospital.

"Parking outside the hospital is horrendous, wardens are constantly up and down that road monitoring the situation," he said.

The figures come after it emerged takings from off-street car parks in Staffordshire had plunged up to eight per cent in the past year.

In Cannock, finance chiefs expect income to be down two per cent on last year with motorists parking at town centre stores instead. while bosses at Stafford Borough Council had expected to make £2.3 million but are now budgeting for a £186,000 shortfall.

They are blaming the struggling economy, ageing population and supermarkets.

Jamie cut out raffled off

Dawn Waltho and Lisa Halden with the Jamie Redknapp figure

THIS cut-out may only be a cardboard copy of former footballing pin-up Jamie Redknapp, but it has caused quite a stir in Rugeley.

Admirers have inundated Thomas Cook with interest in the life size model. And now staff have decided to cash in on the 2D heartthrob by raffling him off for charity.

Dawn Waltho, manager of the Thomas Cook branch in Upper Brook Street, said the store had received the cut-out when Redknapp and pop star wife Louise signed up as the face of the holiday company. "We've had so many people ask about the carboard cut-out of Jamie," she said.

"He's been in the shop all year and we've had so many women ask about him, we thought we'd have some fun and raffle him off for charity."

Tickets are already being snapped up at £1 for a strip of four, available in the branch, and the draw will be made on Thursday, December 22.

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Wrong among unions

IN response to R Knight(pensioner) Telford & Wrekin UKIP I can say that as another pensioner who is still a member of a trade union, I can assure him that trade unions do indeed treat all members the same. When he talks about trade union bosses he obviously thinks that trade unions are run in the same way as the crooked companies he obviously supports.

Union bosses are actually the members. The present government of which he is obviously so proud have hatched another cunning plan to rob pensioners.

They are proposing to scrap National Insurance contributions to help business and replace it with a higher rate of Income Tax which ALL taxpayers will pay. Now as pensioners don't have to pay NI, income tax paying pensioners such as myself will have to pay additional tax to subsidise employers.

When he talks about gold plated pensions, he again does not know what he is talking about, many pensioners have paid in considerable sums over a period of up to 50 years and this government wants to renege on an agreement it was part of.

The Civil Service, for example, always told its staff that pensions were a deferred portion of salary.

MIKE FAWDREY
SWALLOWFIELDS DRIVE
HEDNESFORD

Council's Litter Line is a load of rubbish

SOME four months ago I informed the Litter Line at Cannock Chase Council Environmental Services that someone had fly tipped a shed load of loose household rubbish in Stokes Lane, Heath Hayes.

They informed me that this lane was a problem with fly tipping but they would deal with it and thanked me for telling them.

Several days later I contacted them again as the rubbish had still not been removed and this time I was told that these things take time depending on which day of the week you ring! I contacted them several times over the next few weeks until eventually I was told it had been looked at by the team and it had been decided that it was the responsibility of Staffordshire County Council and not Cannock Chase Council.

I have learned that it depends where it is dumped as to who is responsible to deal with it (eg on the road, the verge, the pavement or other). On being informed of this, I asked as to why the information had not been passed on to the relevant department in the relevant council so that it could be dealt with. I was then told that someone would contact me but up to yet no one has! It really was not worth the bother reporting it and I am extremely annoyed that the council's inefficiency and lack of communication means that this rubbish is still having a negative impact on the local environment.

I have faced a series of Pass-the-Buck excuses and, quite frankly, feel that the Litter Line is completely ineffective and another waste of council funds.

C HERBERT
NEWLANDS COURT,
HEATH HAYES

Praise for treatment

WITH all the bad press that the NHS hospital have been getting over the past few years I would like to give a positive report on a hospital that my wife had recent been in for a major operation.

The hospital concerned is Queens Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

The consultant she saw, after years of being treated by other hospital consultants, diagnosed her problem and decided that she needed the surgery after she had tried all other treatment over the years.

While she was in hospital my wife stated that the health care assistants were professional with providing the best care she as ever had.

The wards were cleaned on a regular basis and the cleaners were polite and very thorough in their cleaning.

The meals was of high standard and, finally, the nursing staff were not standing round. They interacted with the patients and responded straight away when buzzers was pressed.

The standard of care that this hospital showed was great to see and should be a standard that most hospital have reached. Although, speaking to some porters who stated that this was in spite of the fact there would be cut back in jobs in the new year. Thankyou from my wife and me

PAUL ROGERS
OAKLEIGH DRIVE
RUGELEY

Thank you for support

DESPITE difficult economic times, I was pleased the town council once again organised the Christmas event.

I have been warmed by the generous support by individuals, traders and local organisations. My sincere thanks for all the hard work to make it such a great success.

Christmas is when communities and families come together and I can think of no better way of demonstrating this than our event. On behalf of the town council I send best wishes for Christmas.

COUNCILLOR ALAN PEARSON, CHAIRMAN,
HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Work together to get rid of phone mast

AT last Hednesford is being supported. Tory councillor Graham Burnett has started a petition to protect Hednesford Hills from further housing developments, and has received support from our MP Aidan Burley and other councillors.

In 1933 the 6th Marquis of Anglesey gave the then Cannock Chase Urban District Council, Hednesford Hills and its lake (which is now Hednesford Park) under a deed of gift. In the same year he sold them Castle Ring Camp – an ancient monument to the Council. In 1981 much of the Hills became common land and in 1992 Hednesford Hills achieved Local Nature Reserve status. So why now, other than to cover up land they had no rights in selling?

As we will be facing a local election next May it would do more good for the people of Hednesford if they work together and got rid of that mobile phone mast on Station Road, and the ones that do will deserve our vote.

HELEN OF HEDNESFORD

Politicians should understand the grass roots

I WAS intrigued to read the letter (Chronicle, December 8), headed: 'Who should decide if someone is fit to work?'

I am self-employed and unfortunately had a serious accident earlier this year, fracturing my spine. I had to make a decision on what was best for me and my family.

Financially I could not remain on the ETA allowance and although I was obviously worried about returning to the same occupation because of the accident I managed to sustain basically my same income.

The principal of a questionnaire accompanied with the ETA forms are giving you an assessment of basically what you can do, not what you can't. Although this may seem harsh it gives the claimant the opportunity to put their individual views across.

Regarding who should be the one to ascertain your health assessment it can't be your general practitioner.

In the letter, the author pointed out about benefit cheats. Does the writer honestly believe a GP would have no idea that they are shamming? They are in an impossible position.

Regarding all aspects of life, there should be a safety net for all the sick and unemployed and the rates are ridiculously low but if you look at the volume that are claiming – some for decades – common sense has to prevail .

There is inequality throughout life in this country. We need to get politicians to understand the grass roots of our society, not to be patronised.

We all need realistic help for the short term, as an individual we need to look at ourselves when claiming benefits and remember this: There are people out there who are in genuine need, false claims are literally taking the food out of their mouths.

DONALD ALLPORT
CANNOCK

An unreserved apology

MAY I thank Mr Bottomer for his prompt, full and frank reply to my letter of December 1.

My original letter was prompted by a report about the handing over of the running of council facilities to Wigan Culture and Leisure Trust. Councillor Christine Mitchell was quoted in this article. I thank Mr Bottomer for clarifying that Councillor Mitchell has only taken over the culture and leisure portfolio since the elections on May 2011 and that it was her predecessor(s) who were responsible for planning this handover. I wish, therefore, to withdraw my remarks and to publicly apologise unreservedly to Councillor Mitchell.

S THOMAS
MEADOW CLOSE
RUGELEY

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With their lanterns St Joseph primary school pupils (left-right) Shannon Sutton, aged 11, Molly Wilson, eight Ellie Wood, 10, and (top) Erin Fielding

Etching Hill Primary school pupils (l to r) Hannah Walker, aged eight, Kayla Sharratt, nine, and Hannah's mother Claire Walker, of Rugeley

Lantern parade

SCORES of children lit up the streets of Rugeley at an annual lantern parade.

Pupils from St Joseph's Roman Catholic School, Western Springs School, Etching Hill School, Churchfields School and Redbrook Hayes School paraded through the town before gathering in the centre to display their lights in Market Square.

After the groups had assembled around the nativity scene set up in the square, the sound of carol singing filled the air as they performed a 20-minute open air concert for onlooking shoppers.

A free festival followed in Elmore Park. A similar event was held in Hednesford Park from 6-8pm.

Chance to spend a penny for shoppers

NEW public toilets could be installed for shoppers in Cannock.

Council bosses announced the plans as part of a raft of measures to increase trade in the town.

Councillors have raised concerns that existing facilities may be inadequate, with shoppers having to rely on toilets in shops and pubs. Cannock currently has six toilets available in public buildings.

These are situated at the shopping centre, Cannock Chase Hospital, the Civic Centre, Cannock Library and the Prince of Wales Centre – but access is restricted to the opening times at each site.

There are also customer facilities at the town's 11 restaurants, cafes and larger supermarkets, including Asda and Morrisons, as well as eight pubs, although children are not able to use the toilets on licenced premises.

Glenn Watson, Cannock's economic development manager, suggests in a report to the town centre regeneration committee this week that the most realistic way forward would be via a private sector-initiated regeneration scheme for part of the town centre. But he has admitted a deal to bring new public toilets to the town could take time.

"Whilst the council is actively pursuing such an ambition it is likely to take some years to come to fruition," he said.

A 'superloo', similar to that provided in Rugeley, or a temporary Portaloo are other options.

Quotations for a superloo would involve an initial installation cost of £12,000 on top of an annual maintenance fee of £19,000.

Managing director Sheila Brown, left, above the warehouse floor at the Newlife Foundation and, right, she joins Wendy Mott, and Chelsea Rockley in sorting through some of the stock

A charitable view of fashion

IT'S a fashionista's best-kept secret and made £2 million in profit last year – but now the word is out.

Newlife in Cannock is a charity shop but not as you know it, a unique place where £300 dresses are known to go for £45 and shoppers travel from miles just to browse the rails for bargains.

As well as selling clothes from current and past seasons at rock-bottom prices, Newlife is also hugely successful in supporting some of the most vulnerable children in the country.

"We're making good out of a difficult situation," says founder and chief executive Sheila Brown, who was awarded the OBE for services to children's health in 2001.

And making good of it they most certainly are. Every day, hundreds of women – not to mention more than a few bargain-hungry men – visit the Hemlock Way centre to rifle through the rails of clothes, shoes, bags donated by some of the biggest brands on the High Street today.

Stock ready to be sorted at the warehouse floor of the Newlife Foundation

Massive

Clothes come in sizes 6-20 plus, with men and children well catered for as well.

Prices normally start from £2.99 and the discounts are massive when compared to the original price – 50, 60, 70, 80 or even 90 per cent off.

The business is run to make as much profit as possible, which then helps the charity buy the likes of sensory equipment and special wheelchairs for children.

And it is the overwhelming choice of stock that is one of the main draws for shoppers, who love the roulette buzz each visit brings.

Newlife's stock comes from around 400 different retailers across the country which they have deemed out of season or slightly damaged. An army of workers then set about trying to keep the source of the clothes a secret by removing all the labels. But to followers of fashion, their favourite brands are still easy to spot.

"The staff sign security agreements to keep it anonymous," says Sheila, who points out if the clothes did not go to Newlife, much of the stock would go to landfill. Many of the retailers sign up as it helps boost their corporate social responsibility programme, yet only a handful are willing to admit they take part in the agreement including Primark, Monsoon and Marks & Spencer.

Others include a string of some of the most popular top-end stores, which donate everything from party frocks to blouses, skirts, jeans, tops, boots, coats and trousers, and even wedding dresses.

Now aged 55, Sheila, who used to sell fruit and veg on Cannock Market, started the charity in 1991 after having personal experiences with disabled children. Of her three children, two have a disability.

"I lied about my age to get the market job, I was 12, possibly 13 — I learned retail the old fashioned way," she says proudly.

And it stood her in good stead. She hit on the idea of offering retailers an easy way of recycling their unwanted stuff, while offering shoppers the draw of filling their wardrobes for a fraction of the regular price.

Now she oversees 250 members of staff, many of whom are disabled, along with 200 volunteers every week.

Spread

Last year Newlife had a turnover of £3.5 million, seeing £2m in profit – a real achievement for Sheila, who started with just 2,600 sq ft of space and thought she would never fill it. Now her Cannock empire is 120,000 sq ft and spread between two giant warehouses plus a separate Newlife at Home store across the road.

This week a new branch was opening in Uttoxeter, and Sheila says she hopes to do the same again, in another town, next year.

"Very few of us get to change people's lives and improve them," she says.

"I never switch off – I'm up at 5am each morning and by the time the staff get in I've done everything. I suppose it's an addictive pleasure."

● Newlife is open daily from 9.30am-8pm and 11am-5pm on Sundays. Annual membership is £3.99 or £9.99.

Nurse manager Karen Dobson and managing director Sheila Brown with a child's sensory box

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Driver in collision may have fallen ill

A PENSIONER died when her car smashed through a fence and into her neighbour's back garden opposite her home in Hednesford.

Police are investigating the possibility that Margaret Jones was taken ill at the wheel before the crash in Berry Hill, off Stagborough Way.

Officers are awaiting the results of tests to establish whether injuries she suffered in the crash or an unrelated "medical episode" caused her death.

The accident happened just before 11am on Saturday (December 10).

Paramedics fought for half an hour to save the 72-year-old's life but she died at the scene.

She had reversed off her drive and over the road before it struck a wall and a parked car opposite. Her car then ploughed through a fence and into the back garden.

Episode

Two air ambulances from Staffordshire and Warwickshire landed near the cul-de-sac along with an ambulance.

West Midlands Ambulance spokesman Claire Thomas said the woman, who suffered injuries to her legs, chest and abdomen, went into cardiac arrest.

Investigating officer Inspector Adrian Scott said: "This was a low-speed collision within a cul-de-sac as she was reversing the car.

"We are investigating whether it is a medical episode at the wheel which has caused her death or whether she has died as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash."

Witnesses are asked to contact Insp Scott on 101 quoting incident 337 of December 10.

Horse play from students

Pupils at Hednesford Valley High School who have written a book about The Hednesford Horse

PUPILS in Hednesford have written a short story book which staff hope could be published.

The youngsters at Hednesford Valley High School, in Stanley Road, came up with the story of The Hednesford Horse.

Administration officer Pam Conroy said the story was created by pupils with learning difficulties. She said: "The students created a wonderful legend about Mr Baxter and Henny the horse after taking part in a story walk at Hednesford Park."

Chairman of governors Carol Felton was so impressed with the students' work that she would like the story to be published nationally."

Paper donation thanks

A PRIMARY school has said thank you to a printing firm that has donated around 100,000 sheets of paper throughout the year.

Digital printer, PRINTmonster, based on Cannock's Rumer Hill Business Estate, gives all its leftover paper to Landywood Primary, in Great Wyrley. Head John Withers said: "The last batch of paper was especially useful in the run up to Christmas as it was used in making decorations, cards and scenery."

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Drivers thanked for backing of Purple Teardrop

CANNOCK SOROPTIMISTS

CANNOCK Soroptimists are indebted to the taxi drivers and taxi companies of Cannock and Hednesford who have agreed to support them and the Purple Teardrop campaign.

It is concerned with trafficking girls and sexual exploitation.

The drivers will carrying information in their taxis – a small card is displayed in the front of the cab, together with a small pack of business size cards for the general public.

Both show the campaign symbols together with the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111.

It's possible that as a direct result of taxi drivers carrying the Purple Teardrop information in their cabs, a customer, perhaps troubled by something they have seen, spots the trafficking information together with the Crime stoppers number and is able to contact the police – so enabling girls to stay safe and maybe perpetrators to be arrested.

Modern-day slavery (sex trafficking) is going on in every area now, it is not limited to the cities.

Trafficked people are not only those who are brought here from abroad, they are people born and bred here.

They are enslaved, abused and exploited.

Many of them are trafficked into forced prostitution.

Although 80 per cent of trafficked people are women and girls, men and boys are not exempt from this terrible crime.

Currently, 72 taxi drivers in the Cannock and Hednesford area are supporting the initiative and helping to combat this modern day slavery.

Women and girls in particular are grateful to them all.

Anyone who wishes to obtain further information or to speak to someone about the issue can do so either by email: thepurpleteardrop@Gmail.com or by phoning 07847 011173.

Christmas cards are waived in aid of Air Ambulance

CANNOCK AND DISTRICT LADIES PROBUS CLUB

AFTER welcoming everyone to the December meeting, the chairman Val Beale asked for a few moments silence to remember Anne Brookes, a long serving member, who had sadly passed away recently.

Details were given of Anne's funeral.

A delicious Christmas lunch was served followed by mince pies.

Members decided to give donations to charity in lieu of Christmas cards.

Donations will be sent to the Air Ambulance and St Giles Hospice.

Kay Matthews had been sponsored to do a third parachute jump but this had to be postponed due to a problem with her eyes.

Invitation

Sponsors agreed that the money donated to go to the Alzheimer's group at St Luke's Church, She said she would double the amount.

Betty Ramsden gave news of members who were not able to attend due to ill health. An invitation had been received from Cannock and District Men's Probus to attend their annual lunch at the Terrace Restaurant on Tuesday, February 28.

Treasurer Pauline Parlane reminded everyone that subscriptions would be due in January and that the annual celebration lunch would be held in March.

Future events included the panto in January, craft days and a special Valentines tea on February 15.

Barbara Matthews introduced Pauline Gooch and Pauline Benton, two members of the club, who entertained everyone with songs by Gershwin, carols and very amusing poems.

There was lots of laughter and singing which was an excellent start to the festive season.

A vote of thanks was given by Betty Howard-Evans. For details of membership contact Barbara Bowman 01543 505107.

Ladies enjoy visit to Chatsworth

CANNOCK CHASE LADIES PROBUS CLUB

CLUB chairman Eva Eustace welcomed everyone to the Christmas Luncheon meeting at The Barns Bar and Restaurant, in Cocksparrow Lane, Huntington on December 8.

Beryl Lane said Grace which was followed by a delicious luncheon enjoyed by all the ladies.

The chairman gave the Loyal Toast.

Speaker's secretary Elsie Parkes introduced the entertainment for the afternoon,

"Reflections" featured Val Rivers who sang a selection of songs which the ladies could join in. Val's repertoire embraced Country and Western music as well as the Music Hall and a 1940s singalong.

Angela Reid gave the vote of thanks.

Social secretary Margaret Parkes thanked all the members who had enjoyed a special visit to see "Chatsworth at Christmas".

She said there were other good trips out to look forward to and a visit to the Grand Theatre to see "The King and I" in March. Members were urged to put their names down in order to avoid disappointment.

The chairman thanked her committee for their continued support and wished everyone a safe journey home and a very Happy Christmas.

The Club meets for luncheon at The Barns on the last Thursday of the month.

For details contact club secretary Norma Hutchinson on 01543 505183.

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Cannock Friends of St Giles secretary Lynn Williams and chairman Janette Arrowsmith with the tree

Friends group in charity tree event

THE Cannock Friends of St Giles group took part in the charity Christmas Tree event at the town's St Luke's Church.

The tree was decorated with the St Giles colours of green and white and used the hospice Christmas angel. Many visitors put their charity tokens into the St Giles box.

A Friends' group spokesman said: "The event itself was wonderful, with over 30 groups participating – the effort and time put in by so many people for the benefit of others was evident and quite overwhelming.

"It really was a 'Feel Good' occasion and fascinating to find out about the wonderful work going on in Cannock for so many worthwhile causes."

The Friends group holds fundraising events, gives short talks and presentations on the work of the hospice and the new Compassus Centre and accepts donations which many request in lieu of gifts or flowers.

For more information contact Janette Arrowsmith, chairman of Cannock Friends, on 01543 503739 or by emailing **jdyercann@hotmail.com**

Police set to act on speeding motorists

POLICE are planning a crackdown on speeding motorists in an area of Cannock Chase following concerns from local residents.

Problems of speeding in Rawnsley were raised at a consultation day involving officers the Local Policing Team.

And a local councillor, who lives on Rawnsley Road, has warned she fears it will only be a matter of time before a fatal accident happens there.

Pc Luke Norman and PCSO Sean Nicholls visited residents at their homes to get the views of people about policing issues in the area.

Pc Norman said: "The main issue of concern for some people was in relation to speeding vehicles.

"In addition to our community speedwatch scheme, we will now also be carrying out speed enforcement days in the areas of Cannock Wood Street, Littleworth Road and Rawnsley Road," he said.

Councillor Linda Whitehouse has urged motorists to slow down. She said: "I live on quite a bad bend and before long there is going to be somebody killed.

"We have already had some serious accidents along here, and about 18 months ago someone had to be cut out of their vehicle.

"Luckily they survived but people drive so badly along this road and so fast that it is only a matter of time," she said.

Racers

Councillor Whitehouse said they periodically had speed cameras and also the flashing speed warning signs on the road, but more has to be done.

"It is not just boy racers going fast along this road, and others in this area," she said.

"It is people of all ages.

"Regularly you will hear the screeching of brakes, and people have gone through hedges round here.

"The road has some bad bends and lots of potholes, and with the bad weather coming, it is an accident waiting to happen."

Chance to give blood

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Concert sales go to Plan

THE FORESTRY Commission says tickets are selling fast for a concert by the rapper Plan B at Cannock Chase forest.

In the first hour of going on sale last Friday (December 9), 1,000 tickets had been sold for the show on June 29 next year.

Andy Coggins, creation manager, said: "We are very pleased with how the ticket sales for Plan B are going and we cannot wait to see him perform in the beautiful surroundings of Cannock Chase."

This year's summer performances featuring 1980s pop-synth legends Erasure and Scottish rock royalty Simple Minds sold 97.5 per cent of the full ticket allocation.

Paddy Harrop, head of recreation for the Forestry Commission England, said he expected next year's concert to be a sell-out.

Plan B, real name Ben Ballance-Drew, had a top-selling album with the Defamation of Strickland Banks in 2010, and has had roles in films like Adulthood and Harry Brown.

Choir chairman's upset as popular festive concert thrown into doubt

Grinch steals the show at Christmas fair

A HEDNESFORD residential home had a special visitor at its Christmas fair – The Grinch.

The fair, at ExtraCare Charitable Trust's School Court scheme, raised £1,555, with a craft stall alone generating more than £300. Other popular attractions included a tombola, cake stall, bric-a-brac and raffles.

Gardening guru Howard Drury came along to show his support, and enjoyed cosying up to the Grinch.

Activity co-ordinator Joanne Woods said: "Money raised will ensure residents have a Christmas to remember."

Scheme manager Lynn Bate thanked all the staff, volunteers, residents and families who donated items or helped out on the day.

'The Grinch' meets School Court resident Jan Dyke at the Christmas fair

THE CHAIRMAN of a popular Cannock singing group has spoken of his upset at cost-cutting plans that could see a number of attractions axed at the Shugborough estate.

A review of the events programme at the stately grounds has been launched to reduce the attraction's £1m annual budget.

The measures could see scores of popular events and shows scrapped, and among the events thrown into doubt are the Christmas Candlelit evenings, which attract thousands of people.

The Cannock Ex-Serviceman's Club Male Voice Choir has performed at the event for the past four years and chairman David Rimmer said he was "upset" at the prospect they may not be performing next year.

Mr Rimmer said: "We have always really enjoyed it and it has a lovely atmosphere and it is something we always look forward to.

"We performed each evening, and one of the nights our spouses come along too, which makes it extra special for us, so knowing this may not happening again is upsetting."

Visitors have also expressed their disappointment that the show may not go on.

Stephen Thornton, aged 28, of Bloxwich in Walsall, was one of the 9,000 people who attended this year.

The bank worker said: "It made us feel really Christmassy.

"The house looked beautiful and there were coach-loads of people turning up.

"It would be such a shame to lose an event like this in Staffordshire and we had said we wanted to come again next year, which obviously may not be happening."

Other events at the estate include a Country Show, Classic Car Show, nature themed shows and open-air theatre productions.

Booked

But Maddy Kerr, of Heartbreak Productions, which staged productions of Pride and Prejudice and Pinocchio this year, said the company had been booked again for next year.

Visitor numbers rose from 113,844 last season to 127,458 this season at Shugborough but Staffordshire County Council, which manages the attraction, said it was still losing money.

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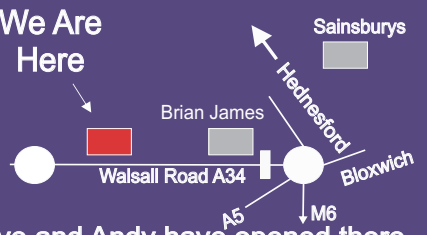

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David Goodman collects his OBE from the Queen at Buckingham Palace

Legal ace honoured with OBE

A LEGAL expert has been presented with an OBE for his 'exceptional services' to Staffordshire's judiciary.

Burntwood man David Goodman, aged 60, is a justices' clerk and a chief legal adviser who manages a team of magistrates across the county. He provides them with legal advice and keeps them up-to-date with changes in the law.

He also sits as a district judge for 20 days of the year.

Mr Goodman lives with his wife, Sheila, and the couple have two daughters, 34-year-old Kerry and Clare, 31, and four grandchildren. His personal assistant Joyce St Clair put him forward for the honour for his exceptional services to Staffordshire magistrates' courts.

Mr Goodman grew up on a council estate in Tipton. He worked his way from an office junior, to a trainee legal advisor in 1974, qualified as a barrister in 1983 and was made justices clerk for Staffordshire in 2004.

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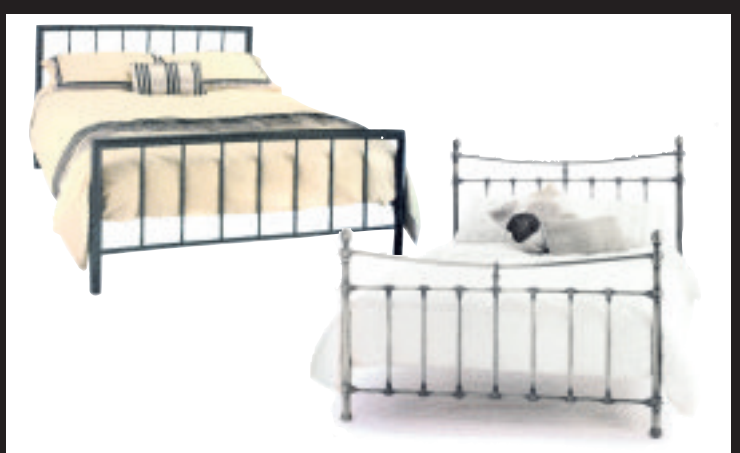

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Thimble and jewel holder unearthed in county where Hoard was discovered

Precious items ruled as treasure

A silver thimble found in Lichfield and declared as treasure by Staffordshire coroner Andrew Haigh

A SILVER thimble and gold jewel holder discovered in Staffordshire have been officially declared as treasure.

The items are the latest discovery in the county and were unearthed following the discovery of the famous Staffordshire Hoard in 2009. They have now been sent off to be valued.

The gold item, called a Cloisonne Panel, is from the Anglo-Saxon period and has been described as similar to the items found in the Staffordshire Hoard, which was unearthed in Hammerwich in July 2009.

Dr Tom Brindle, archaeological finds liaison officer for Staffordshire and West Midlands, told the coroner last week that the item made of pure gold, was found in January and would once have contained a precious stone. He said: "It is very similar to the pieces found in the Staffordshire Hoard. It is gold and would have had gems in it."

However, he said experts were not able to say what the piece, which measures 17mm in diameter and weighs 1.6g, was attached to.

A report to the coroner stated: "The object is clearly a component of a larger item.

Exciting

"The most obvious candidate is a surround for the central domed settings from a plated disc brooch or composite disc brooch but it is unclear from the principal study."

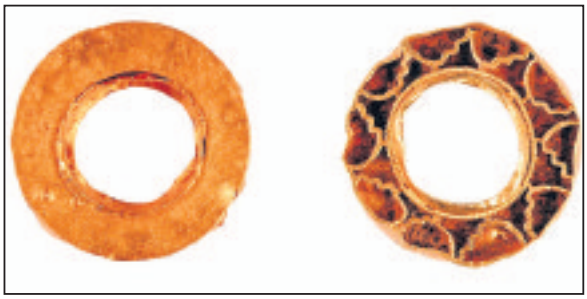
Landowner John Lewis, of Acton Trussell, near Stafford, said the item was found by another man on his land who had been searching for treasure for around 20 years. He said: "It is very exciting. I think we will have to wait to see what will happen with it and how much it is valued at, but it would be nice to see it in a museum."

The silver thimble was found in the Lichfield area. British Museum experts say it was found to be from the post-medieval times. It has a missing crown.

There are also waffle shaped indentations around the body and three broad interlacing circles, with an inscription that reads 'Mee-Remember'.

The report says similar examples can be found from Somerset and Pembrokeshire. The person who found the thimble was not identified.

Stoke on Trent Potteries Museum & Art Gallery has said it is interested in buying both pieces that have been found.



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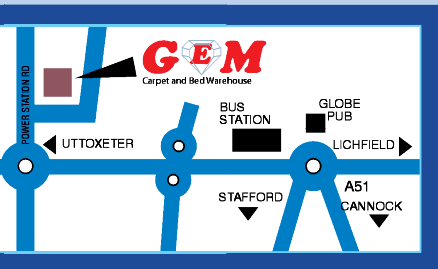

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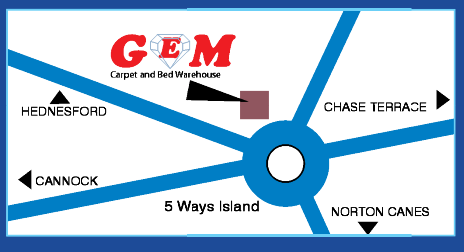

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Ellen Nicholls as Dorothy and Sarah Mitchell as Aunt Em in Wizard of Oz

The Wizard of Oz by Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Musical Society, Prince of Wales Centre

HOW many amateur companies, with a five-performance run can boast 'sold out' notices for each one?

CWAGMS, which seems to go from strength-to-strength, certainly can and did so with days to go before its opening night.

Wizard of Oz, the seemingly eternally-popular American fable of good overcoming evil and lessons learned in life, was polished up once more by director, Sharron Burns in this Royal Shakespeare Company version.

As always, the success of this show rests firmly with the four main characters, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion. These were respectively played by Ellen Nicholls, Neville Leedham, Mark Atherton and Darrell Burns who together made an excellent team. Each gave a strong performance and complemented each other.

Mention must be made of the many minor principals in this production, who all gave creditable performances.

This production also benefited from a most striking wardrobe. However, with the amount of scene changes, it was necessary to use a variety of cut-cloths, some of which were a little disappointing and at most times did not match up with the pristine, colourful costumes.

In these days of a deluge of electronic music in theatres it was a real bonus to hear the sound a full orchestra.

Musical numbers written for the full chorus are scarce and somewhat strange in this show but were entered into with this company's usual enthusiasm. However, while appreciating the restraints of a comparatively large number on stage, the choreography might have been a little more imaginative.

There were some interesting effects, such as the 'twister' and the flying entrance of the Witch of the West.

This show deserved its pre-production sales.

And Toto the dog was brilliant!

Bryan Till

A Christmas Carol, Lichfield Garrick Theatre

IT'S Christmas time, so it must be panto season – oh, yes it is. However, this year's Garrick offering steers clear of the traditional family humour and slapstick fun.

Instead, it features a tap-dancing Santa, guaranteed snow fall and a gurning door-knocker as the team behind last year's big hit Peter Pan take a gamble on the Dickens classic.

It's too dark to be classed as a typical pantomime, which was apparent by the lack of children and families in the sell-out audience. Seasoned pro Graham Cole, best known for his role as Pc Tony Stamp in The Bill, takes on the lead role as Ebenezer Scrooge, with Owain Williams a good all-round performer as Fred and the young Ebenezer.

Equally adept is Alex Wadham in his three roles of Bob Cratchit, Mr Fezziwig and Old Joe. Rachael Pennell and Lucy Jane Quinlan were faultless in their combination of roles and there has to be a special mention for the seven Cratchit children, who defied their young ages with excellent stage presence. Both the ensemble and Garrick veteran Ian Adams, who took on the ghostly roles, proved extremely watchable.

It's a lavish production, professionally done, and very entertaining. It is short on laughs, but it more than makes up with its lighting, effects, storytelling and musicianship.

And anyone feeling Bah, Humbug! about the festive period before seeing this will surely be full of Christmas spirit by the end of it. A Christmas Carol runs until January 2.

Mark Shipp

A Christmas Cracker, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock

THE Prince of Wales was witness to what must have been one of Cannock's best-kept secrets with this variety show.

Two local choirs, Chase Choral Society and Chase Harmony supplied the choral opening to either act, whilst the Bailey Boys, representing the Prince of Wales Youth Theatre, supplied the comedy content. Their 'octogenarian friends' sketch was cleverly delivered and contained a deal of amusing content but one wonders why these young performers felt the need to include questionable material in their first act piece.

Hednesford drama group, Tower Players, presented a moving choral-speaking rendition of Close the Coalhouse Door, which chronicles the demise of the coal industry of Cannock Chase. Young local singer Sophie Tombs, a star of the future, confidently performed songs from Les Miserables and Miss Saigon.

A wonderful finale to the evening was served up by Chase Day Centre's, Chase Theatrecraft with its version of Dickens' Christmas Carol, Twisted Scrooge. The narration and acting was first-class and was a credit to the cast and director Barbara Grayson. Particular mention must be made of Kieran Jones performance in the title-lead, Scrooge.

In essence, each set was of good standard but the show, as an entity, badly needed a show director, who could have maintained pace and continuity. Greater use could have been made of travelling curtains to effect this.

Why was the show a best-kept secret? Paying customers occupied around 60 seats!

What was the Arts Council doing if this was a show meant to showcase the "breadth of arts provision on our doorstep"? Surely those in charge could have made a more concerted effort to inform the local population of their mission!

A missed opportunity Arts Council organisers.

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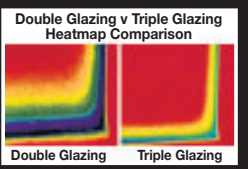

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Strictly stars in theatre date

Strictly Come Dancing stars Katya and Pasha

TWO stars of Strictly Come Dancing – including one of this year's finalists – will be shimmying their way to the Prince of Wales Centre next year.

As the current series comes to a climax this weekend, two of the stars will hotfoot it to the centre in Church Street for one night only on Sunday, April 24, at 7.30pm.

One of this year's finalists, Pasha Kovalev, who is partnering Chelsee Healy from TV's Waterloo Road, will be dancing with his professional partner Katya Virshilas, who was the partner of GMTV's Dan Lobb.

Siberian-born 31-year-old Pasha and 28-year-old Katya, who was born in Lithuania, but moved to Canada at the age of 13, will perform routines featuring the rumba, waltz, foxtrot, tango and jive, to name but a few.

Tickets are £20 and can be purchased from the box office by calling 01543 578762.

Green Day tribute act

GREEN Day tribute band Green Bay are playing at The Tackeroo in Hednesford next Friday (December 23).

Doors open at the Bracken Close, Brindley Heath, venue at 8pm.

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Merry Wives

THE Prince of Wales Centre in Cannock will play host to Oddsocks' production of the Merry Wives of Windsor on January 17 as part of a national tour. Call the Church Street venue on 01543 578762 for more.

A Rat Pack spectacular

THE SMOOTH sounds of The Rat Pack are coming to Cannock next year for a sensational show at the Prince of Wales Centre.

Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular will evoke memories of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Junior from the self-labelled purveyors of cool.

The totally live performance will include classics such as Come Fly With Me, Under My Skin, Mr Bojangles, Lady is a Tramp, That's Amore and Mack the Knife.

A group spokesman said: "With an abundance of class and style they take you on a trip back in time to vintage Las Vegas; hip, cool and with their timeless soiree that still remains the hottest party around."

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Saturday TV

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** British Olympic Dreams. **1.30** Equestrian. **2.25** Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) **2.55** Film: Who Framed Roger Rabbit. (1988) Comedy mixing live action and animation, starring Bob Hoskins. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** A Question of Sport. (R)

6.00 Winter Wipeout.

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the grand final live from the Blackpool Tower Ballroom, where the three remaining couples vie for the glitterball trophy with an array of routines.

8.10 Merlin. Part one of two. Morgana and her army strike, forcing Arthur to go on the run.

8.55 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.

9.05 Strictly Come Dancing Final — The Results. This year's champions are revealed, and Jessie J performs. Last in the series.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Newcastle United v Swansea City; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.10 Film: Bat*21. (1988) Vietnam War drama, starring Gene Hackman. **2.50** Weatherview. **2.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **11.45** Film: The Preacher's Wife. (1996) Romantic fantasy remake, starring Whitney Houston and Denzel Washington. **1.40** Film: Splash! (1984) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. **3.25** Flog It! **4.25** One Man and His Dog. **5.05** Film: Triple Cross. (1966) Second World War spy adventure, with Christopher Plummer.

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7.05 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May take a road trip through Vietnam, travelling the length of the country in just eight days. But first, they have to buy some transport. (R)

8.20 Dad's Army. Frazer is unable to hide his delight when Captain Mainwaring's disreputable brother gatecrashes a sherry party for local dignitaries. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

9.00 FILM: Defiance. (2008) Premiere. Second World War drama, with Daniel Craig and Jamie Bell.

11.05 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas Special 2010. Archive performances by Slade, the Pogues and Abba. (R)

12.35 Film: The Gorgon. (1964) Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing. **1.55** BBC News. **2.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.40** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** Countrywise Kitchen: Stocking the Winter Larder. (R) **1.15** Film: About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. **3.10** Film: Death Becomes Her. (1992) Black comedy fantasy, starring Goldie Hawn and Meryl Streep. **5.00** Regional Programmes. **5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.35** New You've Been Framed: The Next Generation.

6.35 FILM: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. (2007) Fantasy adventure sequel, with Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Gary Oldman.

9.05 Westlife: For the Last Time. The boys perform their greatest hits in a farewell special.

10.05 FILM: The Boat That Rocked. (2009) Premiere. Comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

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11.10 ITV News; Weather.

11.25 FILM: The Boat That Rocked. (2009) Premiere. Concluded.

12.50 The Zone. Interactive shopping and gaming; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Kojak. Theo tracks a professional assassin. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **6.55** Channel 4 Presents — Oscar Pistorius "Head Strong". (R) **7.00** Sailing. (R) **7.25** The MedCup 2011. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: The Hollyoaks Music Show: Christmas Special. **9.55** T4: T4 Stars of 2011: The Unseen Bits. **10.45** T4: Sunday Brunch: Saturday Starter. **11.05** T4: Real Stories: Jennifer Lopez. **12.10** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **3.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. Film student Dennis Keighron-Foster hosts the final dinner party in Manchester. (R)

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.

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7.00 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross. A countdown of the nation's favourite games and playthings. (R)

10.00 Catherine Tate: Laughing at the Noughties. A look back at the decade's comedy.

12.05 Film: The Omen. (1976) Horror, starring Gregory Peck, Lee Remick and Patrick Troughton. **2.10** Film: The Rocker. (2008) Premiere. Comedy, starring Rainn Wilson. **3.50** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.40** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Winnie the Pooh — Climb a Tree. **10.05** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.25** Justin Bieber: The Making of Under the Mistletoe. **10.45** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.45** Film: Eloise at the Plaza. (2003) Premiere. Children's adventure, starring Julie Andrews. **1.30** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: The Art of Skiing. **1.35** Film: Snow. (2004) Premiere. Christmas comedy, starring Tom Cavanagh. **3.25** Film: Mrs Miracle. (2009) Family drama, with Doris Roberts. **5.15** Film: A Christmas Carol. (1999) Dickens' classic ghost story, starring Patrick Stewart.

7.15 5 News Weekend.

7.20 NCIS. As Christmas approaches, the team works overtime to solve a robbery — a case made doubly difficult by the fact that the prime suspect has supposedly been dead for 17 years. (R)

8.10 NCIS. A Marine is found murdered in woodlands after changing his religious persuasion, and the detectives believe he could have been the victim of a hate crime. (R)

9.10 The Mentalist. The CBI investigates the murder of a Santa Claus impersonator. (R)

10.00 CSI: NY. A deaf woman is murdered. (R)

10.55 CSI: NY. A former drug addict is murdered. (R)

11.50 Inside Hollywood.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.55** Great Artists. (R) **4.20** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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3.00 The Xtra Factor: Caroline and Olly's Best and Worst **4.00** The Xtra Factor: Kelly's Best and Worst **5.00** The Xtra Factor: Louis' Best and Worst **6.00** The Xtra Factor: Tulisa's Best and Worst **7.00** The Xtra Factor: Gary's Best and Worst **8.00** The Xtra Factor: Winner's Story 2011 **9.00** Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **11.15** Amy Winehouse: Her Life and Legacy

ITV3

1.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.05** Film: Agatha Christie's Thirteen at Dinner (1985) **5.55** Lewis **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Murder in Suburbia

ITV4

3.10 Film: The Alamo (1960) **6.10** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) Western, with John Wayne and Dean Martin. **9.00** Film: The Dirty Dozen (1967)

BBC THREE

7.00 Doctor Who **8.15** Wallace & Gromit's Cracking Contraptions **8.20** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers **8.55** Film: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) **10.05** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.50** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad!

BBC FOUR

7.00 Sacred Music: A Christmas History **8.00** Timeshift: Of Ice and Men **9.00** The Killing II **11.00** Film: American: The Bill Hicks Story (2010)

E4

3.25 Desperate Scousewives **4.30** Film: Scrooged (1988) **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Die Hard 4.0 (2007) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory

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2.40 Saboteur (1942) **4.50** The Cat Returns (2002) **6.25** Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979) **9.00** Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982) **11.10** Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984)

Sunday TV

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Brian Blessed. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.45** Match of the Day Live. Portsmouth v Southampton (Kick-off 1.00pm). **3.05** Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) **3.35** Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) **4.20** Lifeline. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Lost Christmas.

7.00 Countryfile. A traditional country village Christmas in Warwickshire.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce looks back at a selection of 2011's most memorable finds, including a Victorian brooch designed by William Burges that was previously believed to be lost.

9.00 Young James Herriot. New series. Drama following James Herriot's days at Glasgow Veterinary College in the 1930s.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Take That: Progress Live. Highlights from the group's concerts at the City of Manchester Stadium.

11.45 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Extended edition, with guests Nick Hewer and Jack Whitehall. (R)

12.25 Weatherview. **12.30** Sign Zone: Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.10** Holby City. (R) **2.10** Bible's Buried Secrets. (R) **3.10** MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) **3.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Twelve Days of Christmas. (R) **12.30** Flog It! (R) **1.00** EastEnders. **3.00** Live Equestrian. **5.05** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **5.50** Great British Railway Journeys. (R)

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6.20 Celebrity Eggheads. Former footballers Frank Worthington, Alan Kennedy, Kerry Dixon, Alan Rough and Tony Currie take on the expert quizzers.

6.50 Top Gear. Festive edition from 2010. (R)

8.00 James May's Man Lab Xmas Special. How to make it snow and using a gun to decorate the tree.

9.00 A Night with the Stars. Professor Brian Cox explores challenging concepts in physics.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester City v Arsenal. With analysis by Lee Dixon and Alan Hansen.

11.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With Rhod Gilbert, Jimmy Osmond, Tom Parker, Caroline Flack and Charlie Baker. (R)

12.00 Life's Too Short. (R) **12.30** Film: Secret Santa. (2003) Family drama, starring Jennie Garth, Steven Eckholdt and Charles Robinson. **1.55** BBC News.

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6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Monk. (R) **9.30** Horrid Henry. (R) **9.45** Planet Sketch. (R) **9.50** Film: The NeverEnding Story. (1984) Fantasy, with Barret Oliver. **11.30** Film: A Cinderella Story. (2004) Comedy, with Hilary Duff. **1.10** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** Film: Jack Frost. (1998) Fantasy, with Michael Keaton. **3.05** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. (1971) Musical, with Gene Wilder. **5.00** All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special. (R) **5.45** Regional Programmes.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Odd One In. Festive edition, with Carol Vorderman and Mark Watson.

7.00 Just Henry. One-off drama set in post-Second World War Britain, based on the novel by Michelle Magorian, the writer of Goodnight Mister Tom. Henry's life has not been easy. Josh Bolt and Dean Andrews star.

9.00 Michael Bublé: Home for Christmas. The Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 FILM: Ocean's Twelve. (2004) Comedy, with George Clooney.

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1.00 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.05** Motorsport UK. **3.05** Kojak. (R) **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Survival of the Fittest. **8.00** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.15** T4: Sunday Brunch. **12.05** T4: Cee Lo Takes the UK: Christmas with All the Goodies. **12.20** T4: Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows – T4 Movie Special. **12.40** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.10** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **2.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.45** Film: A Christmas Carol: The Musical. (2004) Dickens musical, starring Kelsey Grammer. **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Channel 4 News. **5.40** 4thought.tv. **5.45** The Political Slot. **5.50** Film: Fred Claus. (2007) Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti, Rachel Weisz, Miranda Richardson and Kevin Spacey.

8.00 Home for the Holidays. New series. Live big-money entertainment show, hosted by Vernon Kay.

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9.00 Black Mirror: The Entire History of You. Horror, written by Peep Show co-creator Jesse Armstrong. Last in the series.

10.00 FILM: Bruno. (2009) Premiere. Spoof documentary, with Sacha Baron Cohen and Clifford Banagale.

11.35 FILM: Carrie. (1976) Horror, starring Sissy Spacek.

1.25 American Football Live. **5.00** Freesports on 4. **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** The Milkshake! Show. **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Funky Valley. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Winnie the Pooh – Eeyore's Tail. **10.05** ThunderCats. **11.05** Andre Rieu: Live in Concert. (R) **11.50** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **12.50** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Donald Duck – Winter Storage. **1.00** Film: Scrooge – A Christmas Carol. (1951) **2.45** Film: A Grandpa for Christmas. (2007) **4.25** Film: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan. (2010)

6.10 FILM: Our First Christmas. (2008) Family drama, starring Julie Warner.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 FILM: Hancock. (2008) Superhero comedy, starring Will Smith.

10.00 FILM: Renegade Justice. (2007) Thriller, with Steven Seagal.

11.45 Indiana Jones: The True Story. (R)

12.50 SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Football. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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3.30 The Planet's Funniest Animals **4.00** The Xtra Factor: Winner's Story 2011 **5.00** Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **7.00** Super Tiny Animals **8.00** Film: Gremlins (1984). Comedy horror, with Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, Hoyt Axton and Polly Holliday. Includes FYI Daily. **10.15** Film: Deep Blue Sea (1999). Thriller, starring Saffron Burrows and Samuel L Jackson. Includes FYI Daily.

ITV3

4.40 Foyle's War **6.45** Film: City of Angels (1998). Romantic fantasy, starring Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan. **9.00** Lewis. A university don is implicated in a murder. **11.00** Film: Mystic River (2003). Oscar-winning drama, starring Sean Penn and Tim Robbins.

ITV4

1.10 Film: The Alamo (1960) **4.10** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **7.00** Film: The 'Burbs (1989) Black comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **9.00** Film: Last Man Standing (1996) **11.00** Film: The Dirty Dozen (1967)

BBC THREE

7.00 Film: Cars (2006) **8.50** Great TV Mistakes **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** Him & Her

BBC FOUR

7.00 Churches: How to Read Them **7.30** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **9.00** The Roasts of Christmas Past **10.00** The Space Shuttle: A Horizon Guide **11.00** Imagine: Alan Ayckbourn – Greetings from Scarborough

E4

5.00 Sorority Girls **6.05** Scrubs **7.00** Film: The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (2007) **9.00** Rude Tube: Utter Pranks **10.00** Misfits **11.05** Tool Academy

FILM4

2.45 Carry On Teacher (1959) **4.25** Kiki's Delivery Service (1989) **6.35** Stardust (2007) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.20** The Hills Have Eyes (2006)

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Rip Off Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. (R) 11.30 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.40 Only Fools and Horses. (R) 2.30 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out England; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 A Question of Sport Christmas Special. Guests include Jake Humphrey and Alistair McGowan. 9.00 Young James Herriot. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Imagine: The Art of Stand-Up. 11.45 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.30 Weatherview. 12.35 Sign Zone: Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 1.35 World's Most Dangerous Roads. 2.35 MasterChef: The Professionals. 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 9.20 Film: Space Camp. (1986) 11.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best at Christmas. (R) 12.00 Restoration Home. (R) 1.00 Weakest Link. 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.30 Film: Merrill's Marauders. (1962) 4.05 Coast. (R) 5.05 Watching the Wild: Otters. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen. (R) 7.30 Christmas University Challenge. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff. 9.30 The Rob Brydon Show Xmas Special. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 10.30 The Funny Side of Christmas. (R) 11.30 QI. (R) 12.00 Rev. (R) 12.30 Grumpy Guide to Driving. (R) 1.00 Film: The Big Heat. (1953) 2.30 BBC News.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show: Five Days of Christmas. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 4.59 Regional Weather. 5.00 Best Dish: The Chefs. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Countrywise Kitchen at Christmas. 8.30 Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Christmas Special. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Dave. (1993) 12.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.35 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Perfect Couples. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.20 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.50 Frasier. (R) 9.25 Frasier. (R) 9.55 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.55 The Simpsons. (R) 11.20 The Simpsons. (R) 11.55 Film: The Muppets Take Manhattan. (1984) 1.40 Film: Toys. (1992) 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto. 5.00 Christmas Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 The Year the Earth Went Wild. 9.00 Kirstie's Christmas Lights. 10.00 Home for the Holidays. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Syria's Torture Machine. 12.05 Film: Rosemary's Baby. (1968) 2.30 Film: The Conformist. (1970) 4.25 Drifting. (R) 4.35 World War II: The Last Heroes. (R) 5.30 Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Winnie the Pooh – Stout and Round. 10.00 ThunderCats. 10.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 11.05 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.05 The Mentalist. (R) 1.00 5 News Lunchtime. 1.05 Film: Eloise at Christmastime. (2004) 2.50 Film: This Christmas. (2007) 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Top 20 Aussie Soap Moments 2011. 6.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 6.55 How to Play Baseball. 7.00 The Gadget Show; 5 News Update. 8.00 Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Film: Step Brothers. (2008) Premiere. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell. 11.00 Film: Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story. (2007) 12.50 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.10 Grey's Anatomy. 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 HouseBusters. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Rip Off Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. (R) 11.30 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.40 Only Fools and Horses. (R) 2.30 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Young James Herriot. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. 10.35 Imagine: The Art of Stand-Up. 11.45 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. (R) 12.15 Film: Surviving Christmas. (2004) Comedy, starring Ben Affleck. 1.40 Weatherview. 1.45 Sign Zone: Frozen Planet. (R) 2.45 MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) 3.45 You've Been Scammed. (R) 4.30 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 9.35 Film: Herbie Rides Again. (1974) 11.00 Rick Stein's Christmas Special. (R) 12.00 Restoration Home. (R) 1.00 Equestrian. 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.30 Film: The Red Baron. (2008) 4.05 Coast. (R) 5.05 The Rabbits of Skomer. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen. (R) 7.30 Christmas University Challenge. 8.00 The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party. 9.00 Mock the Week. 9.30 Rev. 10.00 Life's Too Short. 10.30 The Making of QI. (R) 11.30 QI. (R) 12.00 Shooting Stars Xmas 2010. (R) 12.30 Grumpy Guide to Food. (R) 1.00 Film: Secret Beyond the Door. (1948) 2.35 BBC News.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show: Five Days of Christmas. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 4.59 Regional Weather. 5.00 Best Dish: The Chefs. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 The Adventurer's Guide to Britain. 8.00 The Butlin's Story. 9.00 The Comedy Annual. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The Bourne Supremacy. (2004) 12.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.05 Kojak. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 The Treacle People. (R) 6.25 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.45 Perfect Couples. 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.10 Frasier. (R) 9.40 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.10 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.40 The Simpsons. (R) 11.10 The Simpsons. (R) 11.40 Film: Swiss Family Robinson. (1960) 2.10 Film: Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto. 5.00 Christmas Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 The Food Hospital. 9.00 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On. 10.00 Home for the Holidays. 11.05 Black Mirror: 15 Million Merits. (R) 12.25 Random Acts. (R) 12.30 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.30 Sailing. 1.55 The MedCup 2011. (R) 2.25 Beach Volleyball. 3.15 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 3.45 Survival of the Fittest. (R) 4.35 Freeze Festival 2011. (R) 5.30 Scrapheap Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Pooh's Balloon. 10.00 ThunderCats. 10.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 11.05 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.05 The Gadget Show. (R) 1.05 5 News Lunchtime. 1.10 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 1.25 Film: The Christmas List. (1997) 3.10 Film: Crazy for Christmas. (2005) 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Top 20 Aussie Soap Moments 2011. 6.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 6.55 Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Pluto's Sweater. 7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers; 5 News Update. 8.00 Monster Moves; 5 News at 9. 9.00 CSI: Miami. 10.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 10.55 CSI: Miami. (R) 11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.50 SuperCasino. 3.55 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.05 The Gadget Show. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.05 HouseBusters. (R)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Rip Off Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. (R) 11.30 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.40 Only Fools and Horses. (R) 2.30 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas; BBC News: Regional News. 8.30 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. (R) 9.00 The Royle Family. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Match of the Day: National Lottery Update. 12.05 A Question of Sport Christmas Special. (R) 12.35 Weatherview. 12.40 Sign Zone: See Hear. 1.10 Country Tracks. 2.10 The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party. (R) 3.10 MasterChef: The Professionals. 4.10 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 9.10 Film: Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo. (1977) 10.50 Lifeline. (R) 11.00 The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party. (R) 12.00 Restoration Home. (R) 1.00 Weakest Link. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.30 Film: Mackenna's Gold. (1969) 4.35 Coast. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen. (R) 7.00 Christmas University Challenge. 7.30 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas Special. 9.00 Rick Stein's Spanish Christmas. 10.00 Ruth Jones' Christmas Cracker. 10.40 Grumpy Guide to Christmas. (R) 11.40 QI. (R) 12.10 Life's Too Short. (R) 12.40 The Grumpy Guide to Work. (R) 1.10 Film: Scarlet Street. (1945) 2.50 BBC News.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 9.30 Film: Herbie Goes Bananas. (1980) 11.00 Rick Stein's Spanish Christmas. (R) 12.00 Restoration Home. (R) 1.00 Weakest Link. 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.30 Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon. (1949) 4.15 Coast. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen. (R) 7.30 Christmas University Challenge. 8.00 Lorraine's Last Minute Christmas. 9.00 Film: The Young Victoria. (2009) Premiere. Drama, starring Emily Blunt. 10.40 The Choir: Military Wives. 12.10 Rev. (R) 12.40 Film: While the City Sleeps. (1956) 2.20 BBC News.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 9.20 Film: Pinocchio. (2002) 11.00 Lorraine's Last Minute Christmas. (R) 12.00 Restoration Home. (R) 1.00 Weakest Link. 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.30 Film: The Heroes of Telemark. (1965) 4.35 Coast. 5.05 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 5.50 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.20 Film: Nativity! (2009) 8.00 Raymond Blanc's Christmas Feast. 9.00 The Many Lovers of Miss Jane Austen. 10.00 QI. 10.30 Film: Tamara Drewe. (2010) 12.15 The Rob Brydon Show Xmas Special. (R) 12.45 Film: Merry Christmas. (2005) 2.30 BBC News.

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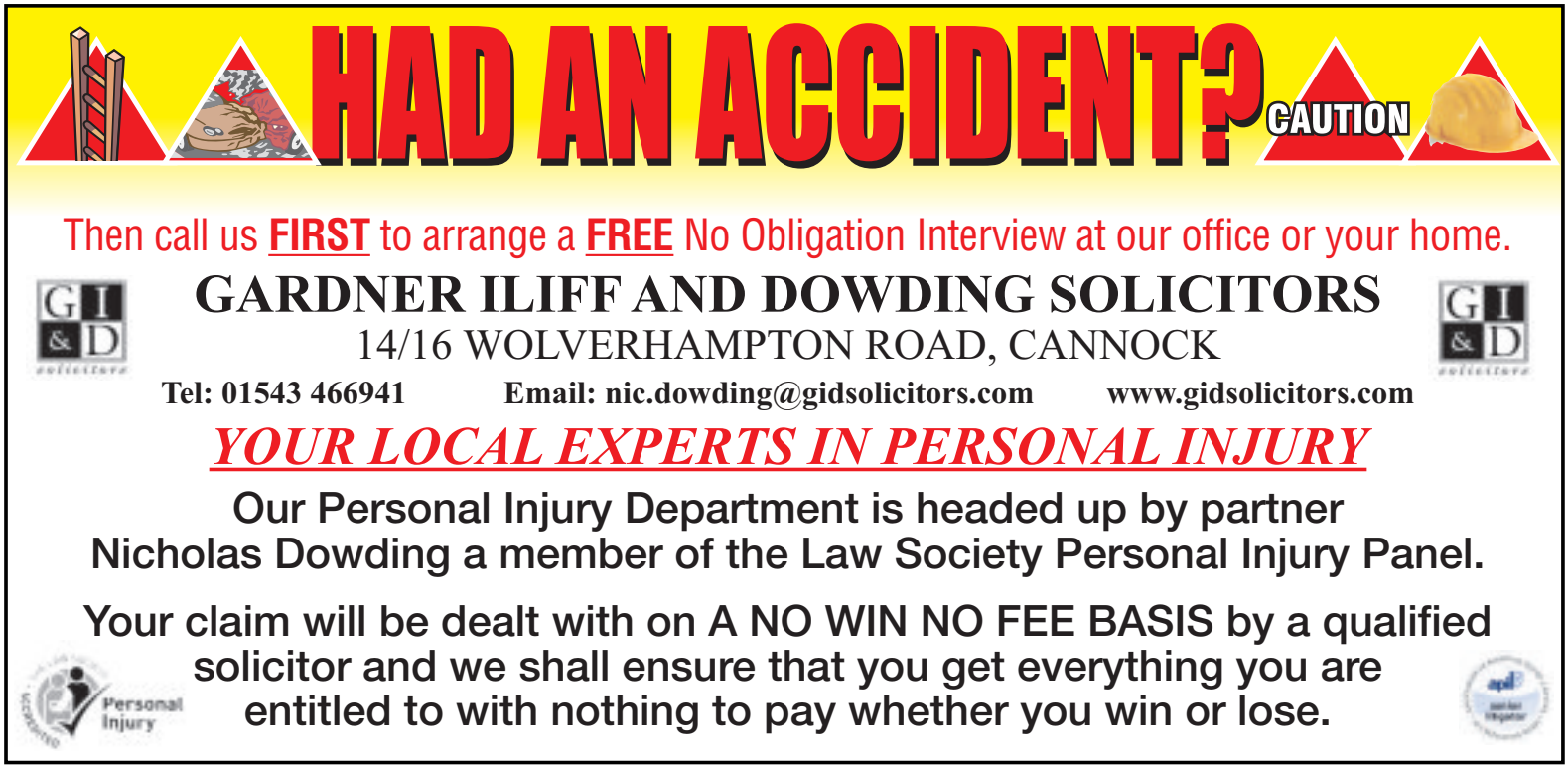
Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Clock Cleaners. 10.00 ThunderCats. 10.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 11.05 World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers. (R) 12.05 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.05 5 News Lunchtime. 1.10 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 1.30 Film: Eloise at Christmastime. (2004) 3.15 Film: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus. (2002) 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Top 20 Aussie Soap Moments 2011. 6.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 6.55 The Whalers. 7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers; 5 News Update. 8.00 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads; 5 News Update. 9.00 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show. (R) 10.05 Tommy Cooper's Christmas Special. (R) 11.10 Film: Up the Chastity Belt. (1971) Medieval comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. 1.00 SuperCasino. 4.05 Motorsport Mundial. 4.30 Great Scientists. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 House Doctor. (R)



Brain Gym No.147

Codeword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 O	2 I	3 T	4 B	5 L	6 G	7 H	8 V	9 Q	10 C	11 M	12 X	13 D
14 J	15 Y	16 S	17 R	18 K	19 U	20 N	21 A	22 E	23 P	24 F	25 Z	26 W

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Numberless people haven't studied this science (11)
9. Part of the diocese, evidently - or the whole of it (3)
10. Suddenly changes a call-note (3,2,4)
11. It's not becoming mixed up in the paint (5)
13. Everybody in disorganised side takes a long time in moving (7)
14. A shocking rise in my unhappy state (6)
16. The Book of Numbers used by church-goers! (6)
18. Unusual terrain for a coach (7)
19. Severe end to a ship (5)
20. The nicest day for a group of companies (9)
21. He's a fool to carry the burden (3)
22. Old-time stock-breeders! (11)

Down

2. Yes, it's interesting the egotist, we hear (3)
3 & 15Dn. Agonising enough to cause car-disc damage (5-7)
4. Sickness produces a word of uncertainty about the boy (6)
5. To balance the accounts completely (7)
6. The company with engines in need of modification send packages to him (9)
7. A defect that will prevent one from making direct observations (11)
8. Pedigrees in animals will show brutality (11)
12. He prefers to be a man without spirit (9)
15. See 3 Down
17. To invest with ministerial responsibility (6)
19. He is encompassed by fixed bed-covering (5)
21. It's vital to keep taking it in, but it's a strain! (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Rigidly laid down (4,3,4)
9. Sick (3)
10. Tempting (9)
11. Way in (5)
13. Philosopher (7)
14. Constricted (6)
16. Bury (6)
18. Melancholy (7)
19. Maxim (5)
20. Height (9)
21. Enemy (3)
22. Observers of the

Down

2. Grow sick (3)
3. Swarthy (5)
4. Nakedness (6)
5. Falsehood (7)
6. Projects (6,3)
7. Children's game (4,3,4)
8. Greatly distressed (11)
12. Fatigue (9)
15. Alfresco (4,3)
17. Allot (6)
19. Musical note (5)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dual; 3 Proposer; 9 Riotous; 10 Phase; 11 Light-hearted; 13 Cheque; 15 Leader; 17 Falling glass; 20 Eaten; 21 Put down; 22 Incisors; 23 Were. Down: 1 Derelict; 2 Among; 4 Russet; 5 Paper-weights; 6 Seaweed; 7 Rues; 8 Contour lines; 12 Presence; 14 Elastic; 16 Sniper; 18 Alone; 19 Peri. QUICK - Across: 1 Fail; 3 Academic; 9 Unlucky; 10 Safer; 11 Fortuitously; 13 Leaden; 15 Usurer; 17 Discourteous; 20 Clean; 21 Isolate; 22 Entreaty; 23 Left. Down: 1 Fourfold; 2 Idler; 4 Coyote; 5 Disquisition; 6 Muffler; 7 Cure; 8 Acquiescence; 12 Prospect; 14 Aliment; 16 Quaint; 18 Orate; 19 Ache.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	4	8	9	7	2	1	6	5
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9	1	7	5	4	6	8	3	2
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8	5	3	4	6	7	9	2	1
5	3	6	7	1	4	2	9	8
2	8	4	3	5	9	7	1	6
1	7	9	6	2	8	5	4	3

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is P. Pumpkin, spinach, parsnip, all vegetables.

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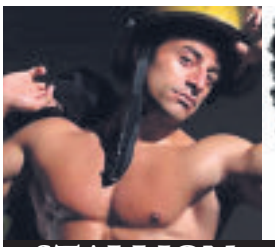

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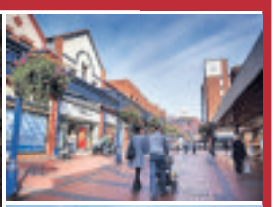

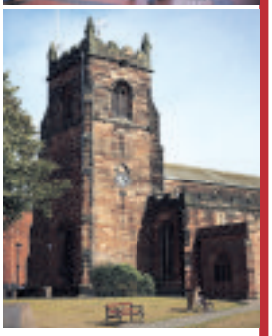

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The detached in Strauss Drive has four bedrooms, two having en suites

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£170,000

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- Double Glazing
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Ground Floor W.C.
- Separate Dining Room
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- Double Driveway
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- Freehold

£225,000

REDUCED

Brereton, Garrick Rise

A Three Bedroomed Detached House Set On Large Corner Plot

- Gas Central Heating
- Garage
- Scope for Improvement
- Double Glazed
- Driveway
- Ample Parking
- Three bedrooms

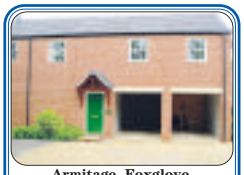
£135,000

Rugeley, Grindcobbe Grove

A 3 bedroomed End terrace house

- Gas central heating
- Off road parking to rear
- Lounge/dining room
- Bathroom
- Cavity wall insulation
- Gardens front and rear
- Fitted kitchen
- No Chain

£93,000



Armitage, Foxglove, Simpson Close

A 2 Bedroomed 1st Floor Apartment Bedrooms

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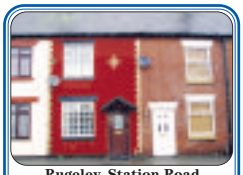
- Carport & Car Parking Space
- Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Double
- Double Glazing
- Village Location
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Bathroom

£127,000



Rugeley, Station Road

A 2 Bedroom Mid Terraced House

- Gas Central Heating
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- Carport
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- Lounge, Separate Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Established Gardens

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Rugeley, Anson Mews

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- Storage Heaters
- Allocated Parking
- Views Over The Canal
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms

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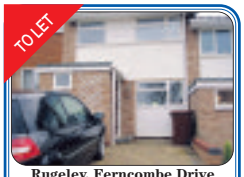

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Rugeley, Ferncombe Drive

A three bedroom mid terraced house, situated on the outskirts of Rugeley.

The property has the benefit of gas fired central heating and provides the following accommodation:-

- Porch
- Hallway
- Downstairs W.C.
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom With Shower
- Off Road Parking To The Front
- Garage In Separate Block
- Rear Garden
- Garden Shed

£550 PCM

TO LET

Rugeley, Blakeley Close

A 3 bedroom, modern attractive mid-town house, situated on a popular residential development close to the town centre of Rugeley

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- Ground floor W.C
- Lounge
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- Landing
- Airing cupboard
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- Bathroom With Shower Over
- Gardens front and rear
- Two off road allocated parking spaces

£580 PCM

TO LET

Rugeley, Landor Crescent

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NEW

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A furnished mid-terraced cottage benefitting from Gas Central Heating and Double-Glazing. Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Landing, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear. Off-road parking to front. Internal Viewing Recommended

DSS CONSIDERED PETS CONSIDERED NO SMOKERS

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NEW

HAGLEY PARK GARDENS RUGELEY

A semi-detached property benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double-Glazing. Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen with some appliances. Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to side leading to Garage. Gardens to front and rear.

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Spacious property benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomopdation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with appliances. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage in seperate block. Off road parking.

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£535 PCM

NEW

CHETWYND CLOSE RUGELEY

A spacious semi-detached property benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double-Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Downstairs WC. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway

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Semi detached peroperty benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Inner Lobby, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport and Garage. Gardens to front and rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED

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LITTLEWORTH ROAD

- Unfurnished Traditional Style Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility
- Guest wc, 2 Bedrooms. Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Parking
- Rear garden gives access to the Chase

£475 pcm Sorry No DSS

WIMBLEBURY
FREMANTLE DRIVE

- Unfurnished modern property
- Hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, bathroom
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Garden, parking

£550 pcm Sorry No DSS

WIMBLEBURY
TRAFALGAR COURT

- Unfurnished Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating, Parking

£395 pcm Sorry No DSS

HEDNESFORD
WOODLAND COURT

- Furnished 3nd floor apartment
- Protected access
- Hall, lounge/fitted kitchen with appliances
- 2 Bedrooms, master having en suite
- Bathroom, gas central heating
- Double glazing, allocated parking

£575 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS

- Unfurnished 1st Floor Flat
- Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge
- One Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing, Parking

£395 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Unfurnished semi
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Bathroom, separate shower
- uPVC double glazed
- Rear garden
- On street parking

£530 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
WOOTTONS COURT

- Unfurnished Ground Floor Flat
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen
- One Bedroom, Bathroom
- Heating, Parking

£350 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
FOXES RAKE

- Unfurnished modern semi
- Hallway. Lounge. Fitted kitchen
- 2 bedrooms. Bathroom. Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Parking and garden

£525 pcm Sorry No DSS

WIMBLEBURY
HAYMAKER WAY

- Unfurnished Modern Semi-detached
- Hallway, Guest WC, Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Garden and Parking

£575 pcm Sorry No DSS

NORTON CANES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

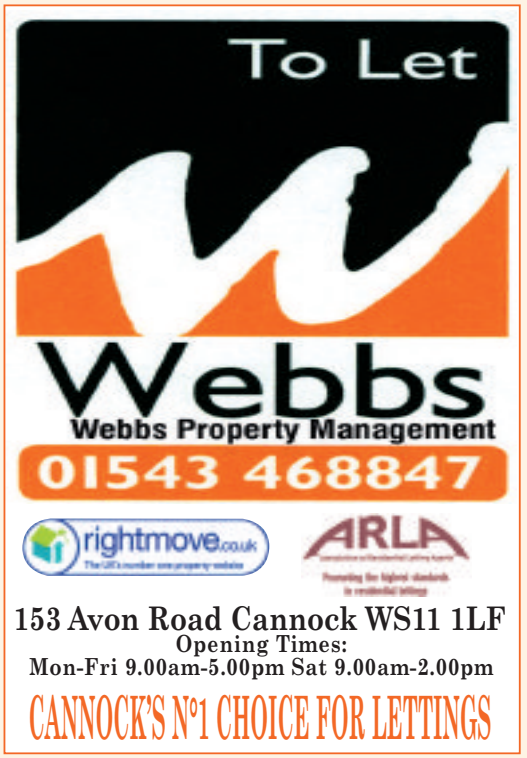
- Unfurnished traditional style property
- Porch. Hall, Guest wc. Lounge
- Dining room with patio doors
- Fitted kitchen, Utility, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Gas central heating
- Double glazing, Garage, Gardens

£525 pcm Sorry No DSS

HEATH HAYES
PHEASANT WAY

- Unfurnished semi detached
- Three bedrooms, hallway
- Fitted kitchen, lounge
- Guest WC, family bathroom
- En suite off main bedroom
- Gas central heating
- uPVC double glazing
- Rear garden, allocated parking

£595 pcm Sorry No DSS



GREAT WYRLEY
JOHNS LANE

- Unfurnished detached bungalow
- Corner plot
- Hallway, lounge, dining room
- Fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Garage and garden

£650 pcm Sorry No DSS

BRIDGTOWN
UNION STREET

- Unfurnished traditional terraced property
- Lounge, open plan kitchen/diner
- Kitchen recently fitted
- Bathroom, 3 bedrooms
- Heating, double glazing
- Rear garden

£495 pcm Sorry No DSS

HAZEL SLADE
HORNBEAM CRESCENT

- Corner plot detached bungalow
- Porch, Hallway, Dining Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom, 2 Bedrooms, Gas central heating
- Double glazing, Garden, Garage

£550 pcm Sorry No DSS

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

- Unfurnished semi-detached
- Hallway. Lounge. Fitted kitchen
- 2 bedrooms. Bathroom. Double glazing
- Heating. Garage and garden

£500 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
DORCHESTER ROAD

- Unfurnished detached bungalow
- Hall, lounge, fitted kitchen
- Sun room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Garage and garden

£650 pcm Sorry No DSS

BURNTWOOD
BELVEDERE CLOSE

- Unfurnished detached property
- Hallway, Lounge, Fitted kitchen
- Study, Guest wc, Utility, Shower room
- 4 Bedrooms, Gas central heating
- Double Glazing, Garage, Garden

£695 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
MOSS STREET

- Unfurnished semi-detached
- Hall, Lounge, Dining room, Utility
- Fitted kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gas central heating, Double glazing
- Garden, parking

£560 pcm Sorry No DSS

WIMBLEBURY
MEADOWSWEET WAY

- Unfurnished Detached Property
- Hallway, Guest WC, Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, 4 Bedrooms, En Suite Off Master
- Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Garden, Garage

£700 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
ST JOHNS ROAD

- Unfurnished
- Semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Hall, kitchen
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- Bathroom

£515 pcm Sorry No DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
HUTHILL LANE

- Unfurnished semi detached bungalow
- May suit mature couple
- Porch, lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Garage, garden

£525 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
LONGFORD ROAD

- Refurbished 1st Floor Flat
- Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£450 pcm Sorry No DSS

WIMBLEBURY
NELSON DRIVE

- Unfurnished first floor flat
- Hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances
- 1 Bedroom, bathroom
- Heating, Parking

£340 pcm Sorry No DSS

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

- Unfurnished 1st floor flat
- Lounge. Fitted kitchen, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Double glazing. Gas central heating
- Parking

£405 Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
CHASE HOUSE, RUMER HILL

- Unfurnished ground floor flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Parking

£395 pcm Sorry No DSS

CANNOCK
STAFFORD ROAD

- Unfurnished semi-detached property
- Porch. Hall. Lounge. Dining Room
- New fitted kitchen with some appliances
- 3 Bedrooms. Bathroom. Gas central heating
- Double glazing. Garage and Garden

£575 pcm Sorry No DSS

Webbs Property Management and Webbs Estate Agents would like to wish everyone a

Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Our office will be closing for the Festive Season on Thursday 22nd December at 12 Noon and Re-open on January 3rd 2012

CHESLYN HAY
STREETS LANE

- Unfurnished detached bungalow
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, bathroom
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£525 pcm Sorry No DSS

Vision
Sales & Lettings

Heron Street
Rugeley

- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Front Garden
- Rear Courtyard

£90,000

Springhill Terrace
Rugeley

- Ideal for First Time Buyers or Investors
- Off Road Parking
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedroom
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens

£110,000

Park View Terrace
Rugeley

- Well Presented
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breafast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking

£113,000

Greenfields Drive
Rugeley

- No Chain
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Single Garage
- Off Road Parking to Rear
- Front & Rear Gardens

£117,500

The Laurels
Rugeley

- SCHEME MANAGED
- 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM
- Lounge
- Dining Room/Second Bedroom
- Main Bedroom
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

£117,500

Hagley Road
Rugeley

- No Chain
- INCLUDING ALL CARPETS, CURTAINS & MOST FURNITURE
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

£126,950

We will be closed for Christmas from 20th December at 1pm and reopen 5th January 2012 at 9.30am.

All the staff at Vision Sales & Lettings would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Joseph Dix Drive
Rugeley

- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Single Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

£129,995

Chester Road
Rugeley

- Must Be Viewed!
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking for 2 Vehicles
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Open Views to Rear

£138,950

Lockside View
Rugeley

- Internal Viewing Highly Recommended
- Open Plan Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Recently Refitted
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Single Garage
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Alarm System

£143,950

Wolseley Road
Rugeley

- Extended
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Sun Room
- Family Bathroom
- Single Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

£159,950

Durham Drive
Rugeley

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Large Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front, Rear & Side Gardens

£170,000

Moorland Close
Rugeley

- Large Corner Plot
- Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Single Garage
- Front, Rear & Side Gardens

£184,950

Chaseside Drive
Rugeley

- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Utility
- Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Single Garage

£189,000

Ravenhill Terrace
Rugeley

- No Chain
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge/Diner
- Diningroom/Study
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Double Bedrooms
- En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Single Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

£204,950

Bishops Grange
Rugeley

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Fourth Bedroom Converted into Dressing Room
- En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Tandem Garage

£208,000

Chichester Close
Rugeley

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kicthen
- Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Two En-suites
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

£217,950

Worcester Close
Rugeley

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms
- Jack & Jill En-suite
- En-suite
- Family Bathroom

£218,000

Thorn Close
Rugeley

- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Single Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

£220,000

Anson Street
Rugeley

- Built in 1899
- Cellar
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & Downstairs WC
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Single Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

£249,950

Sheepfair

- Front Lounge
- Rear Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Four Bedrooms
- Front & Large Rear Gardens
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£260,000

Eaton Drive
Rugeley

- Five Bedrooms
- Study
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen/Utility
- Two En-suites
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear & Side Garden
- Double Garage

£310,000

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Broadway, Hednesford

£125,000 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Three/four bedroom semi detached dormer bungalow with no upward chain. Ground floor comprising: lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms.

Stafford Road, Huntington

£84,950 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Traditional end terraced house in need of cosmetic improvements and being sold with no upward chain. Comprising two reception rooms, inner hal, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom

44 Princess Street, Cannock WS11 5JS,

PUBLIC NOTICE £65,000

We are acting for the mortgagees and have received an offer of £65,000 on the above prpoerty. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. Dixons Estate Agents 67 High Green, Cannock WS11 1BN Tel No 01543 572251

Glovers Close, Rawnsley

£69,995 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Three bedroom semi detached house in need of cosmetic improvements. Comprising: lounge, kitchen diner and bathroom. Central heating, double glazing and no upward chain

Mount Street, Hednesford

£55,000 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Ground floor maisonette in need of cosmetic improvements. Comprising: lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Benefiting from double glazing and being sold with no upward chain.

Common Walk, Huntington

£70,000 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Two bedroom extended mid terrace with no upward chain. Comprising: lounge, dining room, kitchen with utility and bathroom. Central heating, double glazing and rear off road parking.

Bond Way, Hednesford

£125,000 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Well presented modern semi detached comprising lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Driveway with garage, front and rear gardens. Viewing recommended

The James, Littleton Green, Huntington

£250,000 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Dixons Estate Agents are pleased to offer for sale "The James" a Miller Homes three storey new build property. Guest wc, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with utility room, four bedrooms, two en-suites and nursery/study. Driveway with garage, front and rear gardens.

Nightjar Way, Heath Hayes

£159,995 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Well presented three storey semi detached house which was previously Charles Church show home. Fitted kitchen diner, lounge, conservatory, en suite, four bedrooms and bathroom. Viewing recommended

Lodge Farm, Lodge Lane, Cheslyn Hay

£400,000 Cannock Branch 01543 572251

Fully refurbished contemporary barn conversion set within private grounds. Lounge, sitting room, kitchen/diner, utility, study/bedroom five and four further bedrooms all with en suites. No chain

26 Morley Road, Burntwood, WS7 9AS.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dixons Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £103,000 for 26 Morley Road, Burntwood, WS7 9AS.

Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Dixons Estate Agents, 6 Chase Road, Burntwood, WS7 0DP Tel: 01543 676 122 prior to exchange of contracts.

Ironstone Road, Burntwood

£90,000 Burntwood Branch 01543 676122

A two bedroom end terrace property; lounge, kitchen diner, ground floor bathroom and rear garden. Property also benefits from No Upward Chain.

Water Street, Burntwood

£194,950 Burnntwood Branch 01543 676122

Detached property in sought after location featuring four bedrooms, master with ensuite, family bathroom, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility, downstairs wc, integral garage, block paved drive to front and large enclosed rear garden.

Lawnoaks Close, Walsall

£139,950 Burntwood Branch 01543 676122

A well presented modern three bedroom link detached property comprising; lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom, conservatory and garage. No upward chain.

Lodge Rise, Burntwood

£147,000 Burntwood Branch 01543 676122

A well presented modern three bedroom semi detached property. The accommodation comprises; kitchen, lounge, conservatory, study, family bathroom and rear garden.

Blithfield Road, Walsall

£170,000 Burntwood Branch 01543 676122

A well presented and extended four bedroom semi detached property. Accommodation comprises; lounge, dining room, conservatory, refitted kitchen, utility/laundry, ensuite to master, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Rose Lane, Burntwood

£180,000 Burntwood Branch 01543 676122

A well presented and extended three bedroom detached home with garage occupying a corner position, briefly comprising; reception lounge, dining room, study, ground floor shower room, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Hayfield Hill, Cannock Wood

£450,000 Burntwood Branch 01543 676122

An extended semi detached cottage with three bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, sitting room/annexe and sun room, rear garden with outbuildings as well as adjacent 'paddock' area. Additionally a magnificent garden area with large summerhouse and swimming pool.

Water Street, Burntwood

£247,500 Burntwood Branch 01543 676122

An extended detached bungalow comprising lounge, dining room, utility room, shower room/guest cloakroom, refitted kitchen with breakfast area, three bedrooms, bathroom, detached garage, front and rear gardens.

Gorseway, Burntwood

£165,000 Burntwood Branch 01543 676122

Sought after location dormer style bungalow featuring three/four bedrooms, lounge with separate dining area, conservatory, kitchen, bathroom with separate shower.

The Long Barn, Abnalls Lane, Lichfield

£690,000 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

A barn conversion residence set within approximately 2 acres of garden woodland, the accommodation features , sitting room, dining room, farm house style breakfast kitchen, five/six bedrooms, two bathrooms and enchanting courtyard.

Ash Tree Corner, Shute Hil

£369,950 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

An individually styled detached bungalow residence in exclusive village location set in gorgeous landscaped gardens. Features guest cloaks, lounge, conservatory, breakfast/kitchen, four bedrooms, ensuite and bathroom, detached double garage.

Batesway, Upper Longdon

£425,000 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

An outstanding country cottage just outside Upper Longdon with detached bungalow in grounds & large gardens. Three bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining kitchen, utility, separate one bed bungalow with lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Both could be linked. NO CHAIN.

Bower Lane, Etching Hill

£349,000 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

A detached family Bungalow set in extensive grounds and gardens. Features lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, playroom/office, shower room, laundry/utility & guest cloaks, serving three double bedrooms, ensuite and bathroom.

St. Johns Close, Slitting Mill

£295,000 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

An individually styled detached bungalow in an exclusive cul de sac within Slitting Mill, comprising guest cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, three double bedrooms, bathroom, large garage, corner garden plot.

Upper Way, Upper Longdon

£389,950 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

Detached family residence with gardens leading onto the forestry commission woodland of Cannock Chase. Features guest cloaks/shower room, through lounge, study, sitting room, dining/kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom, double garage.

Upper Way, Upper Longdon

£355,000 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

A family detached property briefly comprising of lounge, family/dining room, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom and shower room, full width atrium conservatory, double tandem garage.

The Cottage, Green Lane, Rugeley

£250,000 LICHFIELD BRANCH (01543) 255859

Period detached. Lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, bathroom, conservatory, three bedrooms. Double garage, workroom/office, landscaped gardens. Many original features. Potential for granny flat or home business.

Haymoor, Lichfield

£210,000 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

A semi detached property, with private garden, comprising in brief guest cloaks, lounge, study, conservatory, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, ensuite & bathroom. Parking for two vehicles.

Hawkhurst Drive, Hill Ridware

£120,000 Lichfield Branch 01543 255859

A spacious three bedroom terrace. No chain, Comprising in brief, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, two car parking and rear garden. No chain.

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Bairstow eves

Countrywide

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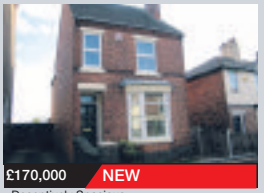
Harpers Court, Hednesford Road

O/O £100,000 NEW

- Two bedroom apartment
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Allocated Parking
- Secure communal entrance
- Good decorative order

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock



£170,000 NEW

- Deceptively Spacious
- Very Well Presented Throughtout
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- Multiple Off Road Parking To the Rear
- Workshop

Glenthorne Drive, Cheslyn Hay

O/O £130,000 NEW

- Deceptivley Spacious
- Four Bedrooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom Suite
- Enclosed rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway, Garage

Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock

£110,000 NEW

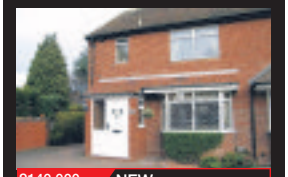
- No Upward Chain
- Deceptivley Spacious
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Garage And Driveway

Mount Street, Hednesford

£55,000 NEW

- No Upward Chain
- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Courtyard

Derwent Grove, Cannock



£140,000 NEW

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Corner Plot
- Very Well Presented
- Kitchen Dinner
- Close Proximity to Town Centrer
- Side And Rear Gardens
- Cul-de-Sac location

Charterfield Drive, Heath Hayes

£190,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Corner Plot
- Lounge
- Kitchen, Dining Room
- Guest W.C
- Family Bathroom Suite

Sweetbriar Way, Heath Hayes

£250,000 NEW

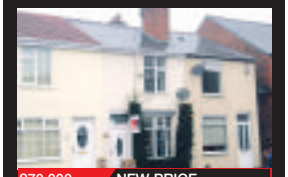
- Very Well Presented Family Home
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Downstairs Study
- Four Spacious Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Deceptive Rear Garden

PUBLIC NOTICE

£115,000

40 Foxtail Way, Wimblebury, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS12 2FY. We are acting for the mortagees and have received an offer of £115,000 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. Bairstow Eves, 13 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1AP 01543 503678.

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley



£70,000 NEW PRICE

- Viewing Essential
- Ideal First Time Or Buy To Let Purchase
- No Upward Chain
- Two Bedrooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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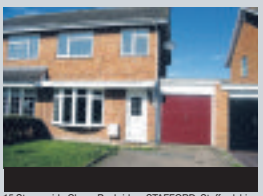
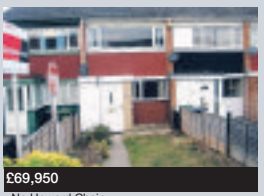


15 Streamside Close, Penkridge, STAFFORD, Staffordshire, ST19 5ES. We would like to advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £142,500. Any person wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts. Bairstow Eves, 13 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1AP 01543 503678.

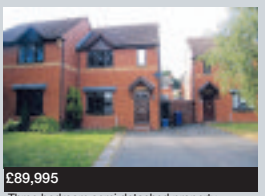
Ajax Close, Great Wyrley



£69,950

- No Upward Chain
- Two Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom Suite
- Front And Rear Gardens

Field Street, Cannock



£89,995

- Three bedroom semi detached property
- Driveway providing off road parking
- Dining kitchen, Lounge
- No Upward Chain

Pheasant Way, Heath Hayes

£94,950

- No Upward Chain
- Ideal First Time Or Buy To Let Purchase
- Modern Open Plan Kitchen
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Viewing Essential

Sandy Mews, Penkridge

£114,500

- Viewing Essential
- No Chain
- Ideal First Time Or Buy To Let Purchase
- First Floor Flat
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage

Stoney Lea Road, Cannock

O/O £190,000 NEW PRICE

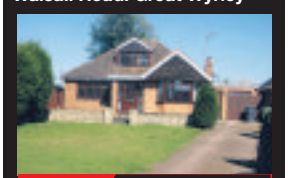
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms (three double bedrooms)
- Newley renovated
- Integral Garage with Off Road Parking

Vivaldi Drive, Heath Hayes

O/O £195,000 NEW PRICE

- Beautifully Presented Family Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory & Modern Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden & Integral Garage

Walsall Road. Great Wyrley



£210,000 NEW PRICE

- Deceptively Spacious
- Well Presented
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Dining Kitchen
- Rear Garden

Squirrel Close, Huntington

O/O £205,000

- Beautifully Presented Throughout
- Re-fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Two En-suite Shower Rooms
- Modern Family Bathroom Suite
- Enclosed rear Garden

Muldoon Close, Cannock

O/O £110,000 NEW

- Well Presented End Terrace Bungalow
- One Bedroom
- Victorian Style Conservatory/Dining Room
- Bathroom with Separate Shower Cubicle
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Fitted Kitchen

The Cottage, Green Lane

£250,000 NEW

- FIXED PRICE
- A 17th Century Detached Cottage, Part Exchange Considered
- Internal Viewing Essential,Three Reception Rooms
- Bathroom With Roll Top Bath And Separate Shower Cubicle
- Conservatory, Three Bedrooms
- Outside Separate Workshop Offering Potential For Home Business
- Double Garage, Secure Gated Entrance And Courtyard Driveway

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley

£220,000

- A Stunning Detached Family Home
- Spacious Open Plan Lounge Diner & Dining Kitchen
- Extended Luxury Family Room
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Modern Re-fitted Family Bathroom Suite
- Deceptive Rear Garden

Stafford Road, Cannock

£269,950

- A Luxury Modern Family Home
- Separate Dining Room
- Stunning Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room
- Luxury Separate Dressing Area To En-suite Master Bedroom
- Second Shower Room And Family Bathroom Suite
- Five Bedrooms
- Detached Double Garage

Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes

£115,000 NEW PRICE

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- No Upward Chain
- Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Allocated Parking

Littleworth Road, Hednesford

Guide Price £45,000

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- No Upward Chain
- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom Suite

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HEDNESFORD
Daisy Bank

- A Very Well Presented Three Bedroomed Detached
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Lounge
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Modern Bathroom
- Driveway and Garage
- Corner Plot Potential for Extending
- Viewing Essential
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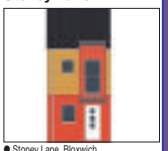

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Check all your lights are working, your washer fluid is topped up with screen wash (pure water will freeze), and that your tyres have enough tread.

Make sure your car is loaded with everything you might need in the event of a breakdown, or long delays – a jacket, food and water, boots, ice scraper, the number of your breakdown provider, torch, shovel, and any regular medication you take. Remember to charge your phone and check that your breakdown cover applies abroad.

By Caroline Holmes
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If you are driving somewhere there is likely to be snow – like high altitude ski resorts or the Scottish Highlands – you need to think about carrying snow chains or socks, or switching to winter tyres.

Practice fitting them before you go – you don't want to be struggling with them for the first time in the freezing cold.

Many continental resorts will want snow chains and in some places they are compulsory so check these out before you travel.

When you're on the move keep your speed low, but maintain momentum where possible. If you have to stop, select second gear to start off on snow or ice to avoid wheelspin. When you don't know where you're going, looking further ahead is even more important.

Driving on the right-hand side of the road needs extra concentration. Every time you get in the car, remind yourself of where you are driving.

This is especially significant when there isn't much traffic around to give you a cue.

Preparation, as always, is the key. Buy a good road atlas and plan your route carefully, ahead of time, and check the driving rules for where you are going, plus any countries you are travelling through to. Similarly make sure you have the correct equipment for the countries you're visiting. If you're driving in Europe, a first aid kit, reflective tabard and spare light bulbs must be carried.

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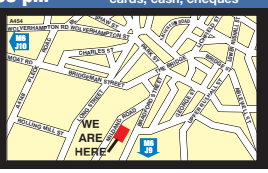

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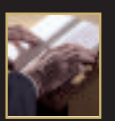
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Deaths

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Maureen
Of Hednesford, passed away peacefully surrounded by Family on December 8, 2011, aged 73 years.
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Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Tuesday, December 20, at 3.30pm. Family flowers only donations, to Ward 2 at Stafford Hospital c/o Funeral Directors.
Maureen is now resting in a private Chapel of Repose in Brindley House Funeral Home.
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GOULD
Cyril Richard James
Of Hednesford, passed away peacefully at Abbey Court Nursing Home, on Saturday, December 10, 2011, aged 82 years.
Cyril will be sadly missed by all his much loved Family.
The Funeral Service will take place at Stafford Crematorium on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 3pm.
Cyril is now resting in a Chapel of Rest.
No flowers by request, donations if desired for Air Ambulance c/o Funeral Home
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GRAINGER
Kenneth John
Of Cheslyn Hay, suddenly passed away on December 5, 2011.
Service to be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at Stafford Crematorium, 10.30am.
Family flowers only, donations to Air Ambulance and Help for Heroes.
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McCABE
John
Of Heath Hayes, late of County Monaghan, Ireland.
Passed away at his home on December 8, 2011, aged 68 years.
A beloved Dad, Brother, Uncle, Brother-in-law and Friend will be dearly missed by all.
Requiem Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Hednesford, on Thursday, December 22, at 1.30pm, followed by Committal at Bushbury Crematorium.
Family flowers only, donations to either Air Ambulance or PDSA c/o Funeral Directors.
All are welcome to join the Family after the Service at the Emerald Club.
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PERKINS
Stephen Thomas
Aged 58 years, passed away peacefully at Aboretum Nursing Home, on December 3, 2011, after a long illness.
Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Bloxwich, on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 12 noon, followed by Cremation at Streetly Crematorium. Stephen's Family would like to thank everyone for cards and condolences. Thanks to Aboretum Nursing Home for their excellent care of Steve in his last few weeks.
Black dress optional.
Family flowers only, donations to the Brain Tumour Trust will be received by
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or given directly to Stephen's Family.
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POWER
David
Of Great Wyrley, sadly passed away on December 12, aged 63 years.
Service, December 20, at Stafford Crematorium, at 10.30am.
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REDFERN
Ronald
Sadly passed away December 10, 2011, aged 84 years.
Funeral Service to take place at St Mark's Church, Cheslyn Hay, on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 2pm, followed by Burial at Great Wyrley Cemetery.
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ROWLAND
Maria
Of Cannock, passed away on December 3, aged 45.
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SHAW
James Alfred
Formerly of Thorpe Street, Chase Terrace, passed away December 8, 2011, aged 91 years.
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SKOMSKI
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George
Husband and Dad
One year, December 16.
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XXX
Dad
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Our beloved Dad
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Yours everloving Daughter Sue and Son-in-law John.
XXX
Brother
Memories of you will never die, nor loving thoughts of days gone by.
Brother Les.
XXX

GOOCH
George
Dad, Grandad and Great-Grandad
Sadly passed away December 16, 2010.
We can't have the old days back when we were all together but secret tears and loving thoughts will be with us forever.
Miss you every day Dad.
Sadly missed.
Daughter June, Les and Family.
XXX

HUGHES
Audrey
Nothing's changed sweetheart, you're still the only girl in the world.
I shall love you forever.
My gentle Aud.
Trev.
XXX
Mom
It's been three years now, still loving you and missing you and always will.
Mark.
XXX

The latest youngsters to sign up at the Army Careers Office on Queen Street, Wolverhampton, include Ben Smith from Cannock, front, second left

New recruits sign up to join the Army

A GROUP of 10 young men from the Black Country and Staffordshire have taken their first step to joining the British Army during a special ceremony in Wolverhampton.
The new recruits, aged 16 and 17, took part in the attestation service at the Army Careers Office, in Queen Street.
They pledged allegiance to Queen and country in front of assembled family and friends. The ceremony comes as they prepare to begin their military career at the Army Foundation College, in Harrogate, on January 8.
The young men include Ben Smith, aged 16 from Cannock, who will be joining the Mercian regiment.

Ladder fall death was 'accident'

A TWIN watched helplessly as his brother fell 30ft from a ladder while they were renovating a house, an inquest has heard.
Trevor Newman, from Penkridge, fell as he climbed a ladder lashed to scaffolding while carrying wood.
Brother Kelvin was standing below and had glanced away when he heard his twin say 'oh no' before witnessing the fall, he told an inquest in Stafford The pair were in business together and had been working at the rural site on Bromstead Common, near Newport, for a number of weeks.
The 65-year-old builder, of Good Station Lane, Penkridge, had suffered a stroke four years previously, and a post mortem found that around the time of his fall he had another. The doctor was unable to say if it had happened before he fell or was a result of the fall.
His brother, who lives in Knowle, Solihull, told the inquest he had worked in the building trade since he was 15 years old and the twins had formed a partnership in the early 1980s, with Trevor specialising in carpentry.
Kelvin had cut the rafters for the building, and Trevor offered to carry them up the ladder on the tragic day in September.
Although Kelvin had told him not to, when he returned to the site from an errand he found Trevor on the ladder with the wood.

Platform

Increase in rail speeds

THE speed of trains through the Black Country and Staffordshire is being increased.
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CAB meeting

THE Chase Citizens Advice Bureau is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday January 18 at 2pm at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford.

"I was waiting for Trevor to get to the top (of the ladder) and to the platform. I looked up at Trevor, his feet were firmly on the ladder," said Kelvin.
But as Trevor neared the top, Kelvin glanced away for a second, and heard his brother say "Oh no" before he looked back and saw him falling. "There was nothing I could have done," said Kelvin.
Mr Newman died in hospital six days later.
Guy Dale, for the Health and Safety Executive, said while the ladder was properly secured and the scaffolding was solid, there should have been a pulley system in place to haul items up to the roof.
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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Cabinet	15/12/11	5.45 pm	Esperance Room
Licensing Sub-Committee	19/12/11	10.30 pm	Esperance Room
Health and Wellbeing Policy Development Committee	19/12/11	4.00 pm	Western Springs Room
Planning Control Committee	21/12/11	3.00 pm	Council Chamber
Housing Policy Development Committee	10/01/12	4.00 pm	Esperance Room
Planning Control Committee	11/01/12	3.00 pm	Esperance Room
Pay Adjustment and Staff Structure Review Cabinet Committee	16/01/12	5.30 pm	Esperance Room
Joint Parking Committee	17/01/12	4.00 pm	Esperance Room
Cabinet	19/01/12	5.45 pm	Esperance Room
Health Scrutiny Committee	23/01/12	4.00 pm	Esperance Room
Rate Relief Committee	31/01/12	4.00 pm	Esperance Room
Planning Control Committee	01/02/12	3.00 pm	Council Chamber
Cabinet	02/02/12	5.45 pm	Esperance Room
Council	15/02/12	4.00 pm	Council

Meetings will be held at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock unless otherwise stated. Further meetings may be held, notice of which will be posted at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock. Arrangements are subject to change. Pleases telephone Democratic Services on 01543 462621 to confirm the date, time and venue of meetings and obtain copies of agenda and reports, background information and facilities for the public wishing to attend meetings. You may also telephone to find out about question and answer sessions and delegation to Council Meetings. In appropriate circumstances the public may, by resolution, be excluded from the meetings.
S.G. Brown, Chief Executive
Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, WS11 1BG.

THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PROPOSALS

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If you wish to make comments about any of the above proposals you should do so in writing to the Planning Services Manager, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock WS11 1BG by 04/01/12. Please include a daytime telephone number in your reply and quote the appropriate reference when calling or writing.

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The Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 9/20xx

1. Staffordshire County Council propose to make a Traffic Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Traffic Management Act 2004 which will:
   (a) prevent you from parking your vehicle on the following length of road without displaying a relevant current Permit:
   Victoria Street, Cannock, (south-west side) – from a point approximately 8 metres south east of its junction with Newhall Street to a point approximately 9 metres north west of its junction with Wolverhampton Road
   (b) revoke the existing No Waiting At Any Time restriction in so far as it relates to Article 1(a) above.
   (c) revoke the existing limited waiting (Monday to Friday) inclusive 8:00 am to 06:00 pm 2 hours no return within 1 hour.
2. Exceptions will permit stopping where necessary in connection with the maintenance of roads and the supply of gas, electricity, telephones, sewerage services and water and in the service of the Environment Agency; for emergency service vehicles; for vehicles being used for the provision of a universal postal service by a universal service provider; for vehicles being used for floods defence works or land drainage works; for the purposes of taking up and setting down passengers; loading or unloading goods; for buses waiting at an authorised bus stop; and for so long as is reasonably necessary in connection with any wedding or funeral.
3. This Order will amend the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009
4. This Order will be called the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 9/20xx.
5. This Order will amend the Plan marked BH242 incorporating waiting restrictions on those roads specified in Article No. 1 above and which form part of the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 and in substitution thereof.
6. Full details of these proposals are in the draft Order which, together with a map showing the roads involved and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Place; and during normal opening hours at Cannock Library, Manor Avenue, Cannock, Staffs.
7. If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to the Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Place, Highways, 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP not later than 12 January 2012 quoting the reference HoHM/TM. TR45/11

Date 15 December 2011

John Tradewell, Director of Law and Democracy,
1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2LP

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

The Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 10/20xx

1. Staffordshire County Council propose to make a Traffic Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Traffic Management Act 2004 which will:
   (a) remove existing No Waiting At Any Time on the following length of road:
   John Street, Chadsmoor (Cannock) (north east side) – from a point approximately 217 metres north west of the junction with Cannock Road in a south easterly direction for a distance of approximately 48 metres.
   John Street, Chadsmoor (Cannock) (south west side) – from a point approximately 15 metres north west of its north western kerbline with Datte In Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 23 metres.
2. This Order will amend the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009.
3. This Order will be called the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 10/20xx.
4. This Order will amend the Plan marked BK 234 incorporating waiting restrictions on that road specified in Article No. 1 above and which form part of the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 and in substitution thereof.
5. Full details of the proposals are in the draft Order which, together with a map showing the road involved and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive & Director for Place; and during normal opening hours at Cannock Library, Manor Avenue, Cannock.
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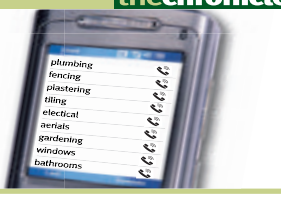

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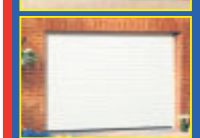

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Judo club goes from strength to strength

Members of the Meiji judo team, who have enjoyed a successful 2011

JUDO

MEMBERS of a judo club are celebrating another hugely successful year in which they scooped 74 medals.

The Meiji School of Excellence, based at both Burntwood Leisure Centre and Hayes Green Community Centre, have been once more led by sensei Stewart Hogg, a third dan black belt.

The year's achievements began in February when several members gained places to represent Great Britain after qualifying from the AJA National Closed Championships.

Father and son Lee and Shane Davies came back from the event in Holland with two silver international championship trophies.

In July the club entered its first team event of the year and Team A, which included Charlie Scattergood, Jasmine Turner, Thomas Hudson, Shane Davies and Ben Bradbury, became Cobra Team Champions for the second year running.

In October the club then retained its Bushi Team Championship title, with Lewis Asling, Thomas Hudson, Shane Davies and Callum Davies digging deep to see off the competition.

However Meiji members were denied their shot at retaining all three of the year's major team championship crowns they won in 2010 when November's Midland Area Team Championship event was cancelled after every other club withdrew.

Mr Hogg said that he was proud of all his members.

"No club had ever won all three team events, and to go to retain them this year proves how we are going from strength to strength," Mr Hogg added.

"It is only through dedication, commitment and hard work that we are so successful.

"My only words to my members are – you are the best and I am proud to be your sensei.

"Look out Holland – we will be ready for you next year."

In total the club has won 29 gold medals, 25 silver and 20 bronze in 2011, as well as the two silver international championships.

Anyone interested in joining the Meiji School of Excellence should visit www.meiji.org.uk or call 07957 443643.

Training sessions take place from 6-8pm on Wednesdays at Burntwood Leisure Centre and 6.30-8.30pm on Fridays at Hayes Green Community Centre, Heath Hayes.

CHASETOWN RESERVES

Scene is now set for reverse fixture

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VISITING Barwell produced a courageous display at the Scohlars Ground becoming the first team to stop Chasetown from finding the net this season.

Andy Penny's young guns remain unbeaten at the top of Division One, though, with a four point cushion plus a game in hand.

The Scholars enjoyed the upper hand during the opening 45 minutes.

After 20 minutes Andrew Westwood connected with a Lee Wright cross but the ball bounced awkwardly for Westwood who scooped it just wide.

At the other end home keeper Mark Wiggins was called into action for the first time when he calmly caught from a Jonathan Paton effort from 20 yards.

Another Chasetown offensive came when Jonathan Gould put Jordan Archer in the clear. He beat the offside trap, but James Heathcote cleared his effort off the line.

The visitors' Tomlin hit his own post twice, while the Scholars forced seven corners to Barwell's one but were unable to find the net.

Westwood smacked the bar with a spectacular half volley, but the Kirby Roaders weathered the storm.

The visitors rode their luck, being particularly saved by the woodwork four times and the scene is nicely set for the pre-Christmas reverse fixture this weekend.

Not amused by shock cup exit

CANNOCK CHASE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

THIRD division Bridge knocked out second division title chasers Victoria Ath 2-1 in the second round of the Ron Terry Cup.

Lea Hall from division three needed extra time to knock out second division Inex Wyrley 4-2. Top striker Frankie Wynn bagged two with a goal each for John Till and Sam Chandler.

Louis Autos beat Mary Rose 2-0 thanks to goals from Wes Grey and Mark Daws.

First division Yew Tree Rangers knocked out St Matthew's from the Premier League 2-1 after extra time in the Brereton cup round two.

Richard Winwood equalised to take the game into extra time and then Tom Green scored the winner. Christian Warner was man of the match.

First division Magic Lantern, who have one foot in the Premier, knocked out premier team Brereton Social 6-3 after extra time.

Lee Knox and Mike Gallet bagged two each with Sam Collins and Jamie Simkiss adding one each.

The Dog beat Rugeley Utd 3-1 with goals from Jamie Vaughan, Rich Bakewell and James Hawkins.

The Division One Cup quarter final second leg saw AFC Homestead go into the semis by knocking out Premier Suite 6-5 on aggregate. After trailing 3-2 in the first leg, goals by Ryan Timmins, Lee Llewellyn, Craig Ball and Aaron Hanley gave them a 4-2 second leg victory and into the last four.

A last gasp Colliers Arms goal gave them their first win of the season beating The Ascot 2-1 in Division One. Paul Simpson scored the first and then with a last kick of the game, Craig Hughes popped up to become the hero and get their first three points on the board.

Ridware Oak travelled across Rugeley to beat promotion hopefuls Chase Spartans 7-1. Morgan Hurley, Dan Arnold, Martin Pitch, Andy Todorovic and David Jones scored one each with Jimmy Lycett added two to keep the Oak out of relegation.

Bar Sports climb to fourth in Division Two by just beating winless Crystal Fountain 2-1. Captain Aaron Wright carried his team mates yet again with two goals.

Harrisons beat Victoria 3-2.

Royal Oak's second win of the season sees them climb off the bottom of Division Three by beating Brinsford 7-5 after trailing 4-2. Doubles by Shane Robinson and Andy Illic and further goals by Andy Fisher, Jason Gardiner and Olly Christmas capped a great win.

Cheslyn Hay Ath leap frogged CK Academy into second by thrashing them 6-0. Ben Pugh and Tom Chew each scored two with Graham Roberts and Ryan Hines added one.

Trafalgar beat AFC Littleton 3-1 with a goal each for Ant Penwright, Matty Shorter and John Hemmings.

In Division Four, second placed Cannock & Rugeley beat Jolly Collier 6-0 to go within two points of leaders Winding Wheel with two games in hand. Chris Collins and Stew Cresswell bagged two with Lee Houghey and Lee Jones added one each.

Tackeroo and Castle drew 4-4.

Hen House go second in Division Five by beating Nags Head 4-0. Midfield dynamo Elliott Richards bagged another couple of goals.

Ath Bridge beat local rivals Jubilee 6-4. Mark Whitehouse missed a penalty five minutes in, then a hat-trick by the manager's son Neil Price, two for Mitch Preece and one for Martin Bradley showed him how to do it.

Wyrley Juniors stormed into a 5-0 half-time lead to finally beat Forest Rangers 7-2. There were hat-trick for Josh Bradley, two for Matty Moseley and one each for Ashley Gun and Josh Griffiths.

Fixtures for Sunday 18 December:

Staffs TB Williamson Cup Round Three: Dormans v The Littleton; Bar Sport v Uttoxeter Res; Penkhull v Inex Wyrley Jnrs.

Cannock Chase Cup Round Three: Yew Tree Rovers v Belt Road.

Brereton Town Cup Round One: Colliers Arms v Chase Spartans.

Premier League: St Matthew's v Alma 2010.

Division One: Magic Lantern v The Ascot.

Division Two League Cup quarter-finals: Harrisons v Victoria; Legion v Mary Rose.

Division Two: Cheslyn Hay v Victoria Ath; Crystal Fountain v Broomhill Albion.

Division Three League Cup Quarter Finals:

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Division Three: AFC Celtic Barns v Bridge; Louis Autos v New Inns.

Division Four League Cup quarter-finals: Lime Lane v T.N.T.; AFC Winding Wheel v AFC Jolly Collier; Lamb & Flag v Cannock Social; Green Rock v White Hart.

Division Four: Rugeley Rangers v Tackeroo; Cannock & Rugeley v Castle.

Division Five League Cup quarter-finals: Green Heath v White Lion; Railway v Ath Bridge; Nags Head v Hen House; Church Hill v Globe.

Division Five: Jubilee v Forest Rangers; Wyrley Jnrs v Bridgtown Social.

by TIM ELSMORE

Diamonds top table at Chasetown's expense

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

CANNOCK TOWN BLUES U-10 1 LEA HALL 1

PREVIOUS meetings between these two clubs have produced excitement and this match was no exception. Lea Hall scored after five minutes, but Cannock Blues beat the Lea Hall keeper at the near post through Kyle Horton. Cannock's man of the match was Aaron Pryor.

CASTLE VALE JKS 0 BURNTWOOD DRAGONS U-9 3

A resilient Vale side battled well in this cup tie but it was the Dragons who made the breakthrough with a long range effort from skipper Jack Taylor. The second came from Alex Tisdell, who went on to complete his brace.

HEDNESFORD TOWN YDS U-13 0 HAWKINS SPORTS JNRS 6

Hawkins came out strong and played some good controlled football in very strong team performance. Man of the match was James Knapton.

HEXIS RED STAR 2 LEA HALL U-14 8

Lea Hall just can't stop scoring hat-tricks this season with Jack Earll the latest to hit a treble.

Two goals from Natiq Choudhury and one from Earll put Lea Hall 3-0 up in the first quarter of the game. The home team fought hard an pulled two goals back, but further goals from Earll, Choudhury, Kyle Orme and Tom Dalziel resulted in an 8-2 victory for Lea Hall.

Manager's Man of the match was Tom Dalziel and the parents' choice was Jack Earll.

WYRLEY JUNIORS UTD U-11 3 RUGELEY RANGERS LIONS 0

League leaders Rugeley came unstuck came unstuck against a determined Wyrley team.

Elliot Crook opened the scoring, with man of the match Louie Parish (2) completing the scoring. Sam Foreman had a goal ruled out for offside. Man of the match for Rugeley was Blake McComisky.

WYRLEY WANDERERS U-10 1 HOLY NAME 2

Wyrley faced second in the table but began by taking the game to Holy Name with shots from Billy Ford and Harvey Taylor both going close.

After some good passing between Jamie Haldron and Taylor, the ball ran to man of the match Ford who slotted the ball past the keeper 1-0 Wyrley.

Holy Name pulled one back, then right at the end the referee allowed a controversial goal and the game finishes 1-2

WYRLEY WANDERERS U-10 3 BROWNHILLS COLTS 0

After being beaten in the previous game Wyrley faced top of the table Brownhills.

James Foster made a good save from a fierce shot, and the ball ran out to Billy Ford whose pass to Braden O'Shea was despatched for 1-0 – and the goalscorer went on to complete a hat-trick.

Men of the match were O'Shea and Harvey Taylor.

PENKRIDGE JUNIORS 2 HAWKINS SPORTS JUNRS U-12 7

Hawkins trailed twice in the first half before a fine comeback saw them record their biggest win of the season.

Charlie Knobbs scored four including a 25-yard free-kick. Scott Harris added two including a 25-yard strike of his own. Oliver Barry completed the scoring to keep Hawkins' title hopes on course.

CHASE ATHLETIC U-13 JUNIORS 4 FC PREMIER 0

Division one champions Chase remain unbeaten and top the table as they bid to retain their crown. Scorers here were Joe Harsthorne, Louis O'Read, Connor Haddaway and Connell Jevons.

Chasetown Scholars u-12s are looking for new players. Anyone interested is asked to call Steve Molineux on 07818 573915

LICHFIELD DIAMONDS

KIDDERMINSTER TOWN 0 LICHFIELD DIAMONDS LADIES 7 (ABANDONED ON 74 MINS)

THE first half started brightly for Diamonds as they laid siege to the Kiddy goal.

It was ironic that it was a keeper error that gifted Diamonds the lead, after several good saves she dropped the ball at the feet of Alison Livermore who rolled it into the empty net. Further goals came from karen Clough, K Hill and a well hit strike from Jess Adams – her first senior goal.

At half-time the weather deteriorated with rain and sleet, Hill went on to bag a hat-trick and Clough added another to her tally, before the referee drew proceedings to an early close

Player of the match was veteran Nora Caddick.

LICHFIELD DIAMONDS U-13 2 CHASETOWN GIRLS 0

Diamonds brought the curtain down on 2011 in fine style as a good all round team performance saw them replace Chasetown at the top of the league.

Megan Brindley fired home from just inside the box but for 1- 0 Chasetown were always in with a shout and Dani Oxley made a fantastic save.

Good saves from the visitors keeper kept Diamonds at bay but she could do nothing as Millie Fletcher rifled one onto the top corner to make the points safe.

LICHFIELD DIAMONDS U-12 4 STAFFORD TOWN GIRLS 0

Stafford's work ethic and spirit were outstanding as was their keeper and they deservedly went in at half time at 0 - 0.

Gradually the pressure built and second half goals came from Julia Kings (2), Charlotte Jarvis and Libby Dunne.

INDOOR BOWLS LEAGUE

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Results and tables for December 10 and 11.

Division One:

L Cavill & M Bardsley 21 C Marshman & B Preece 17; S Edwards & D Murray 13 D Hayward & V Gray 21; A Preece & F Statham 18 A & G Parsons 21; M Evans & L Pritchatt 13 D & G Storer 21 ;

Division Two:

C Pugh & R Bennett 15 P Evans & T Allen 21; M & P Colbourne 12 L Simonczyk & T Platz 21; M Hodgkinson & P Edwards 13 N Egan & I Roles 21; K Handley & D Chester 9 N Newey & L Hazlehurst 21:

Division Three:

J Hollis & S Powis 11 R & C Everitt 21; A Allcock & C Baird 8 L Hulse & P Cook 21; G Garbett & B Taylor 15 A Royle & P Titley 21; S Baird & J Bird 21 T Partridge & B Stacey 14

Division One

	P	W	L	A	Pts
Cavill & Bardsley	6	5	1	28	10
Marshman & Preece	6	4	2	17	8
Storer & Storer	6	4	2	10	8
Edwards & Murray	6	3	6	2	6
Parsons & Parsons	6	3	3	2	6
Hayward & Gray	6	2	4	-3	4
Evans & Pritchatt	6	2	4	-11	4
Preece & Statham	6	1	5	-45	2

Division Two

	P	W	L	A	Pts
Newey & Hazlehurst	6	6	0	53	12
Evans & Allen	6	5	1	21	10
Handley & Chester	6	4	2	-1	8
Egan & Roles	6	3	3	1	6
Simonczyk & Platz	6	3	3	-4	6
Pugh & Bennett	6	2	4	8	4
Edwds & Hodgkinson	6	1	5	-27	2
Colbrne & Colbrne	6	0	6	-51	0

Division Three

	P	W	L	A	Pts
Hulse & Cook	6	6	0	52	12
Everitt & Everitt	6	5	1	30	10
Garbett & Taylor	6	3	3	2	6
Partridge & Stacey	6	3	3	-17	6
Hollis & Powis	6	2	4	-4	4
Baird & Bird	6	2	4	-18	4
Royle &Titley	6	2	4	-20	4
Allcock & Baird	6	1	5	-25	2

Fisheries taking steps against freezing waters

ANGLING by VERNON LEADBETTER – sponsored by Archline Angling

WITH the festive season now upon us fisheries are generally quiet but no doubt those lucky enough to have a few days off after Christmas will be out to test their new gear.

Weather permitting, it is always nice to pick up a rod and a few essential items of tackle and wander the river banks in search of an ever obliging chub or even a sizeable perch. There are plenty of stretches within easy reach and controlling clubs such as Burton Mutual for the Trent, Dove and Mease have enough water to keep any angler happy.The BAA still controls a vast amount of river waters including the Severn. Stretches of the Severn at Ironbridge offer day tickets.

If access to the river is difficult for you don't ignore the local canal stretches, they contain some huge chub. Try bread and cheese paste or, if you fancy the chance of a big perch as well,try a lob worm.

This time last year we were in the middle of one of the biggest freeze-ups we had experienced for year. Even the smaller rivers were frozen.

This year some of the fisheries are taking precautions to keep their lakes from freezing, Hamstall Fishery at Hamstall Ridware is one of these, with ariation pumps fitted in three of the four lakes anglers should be assured of some fishing if we get that icy weather again. For details call Eddie on 01889 504449. For the trout anglers, Hillview Trout Fishery at Leebotwood near Shrewsbury is worth a trip out, spectacular surroundings and hard fighting trout. For opening times, call Paul on 07714 209907.

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WYRLEY JUNIORS

Awards hat-trick

WYRLEY Juniors FC have won their third major award of the year.

The club was awarded the volunteer organisation of the Year from Walsall Council at a ceremony held at The Crossing, Walsall.

The club was recognised for its efforts on supporting young leaders in sport, young coaches who manage two of its teams; developing volunteers by providing one off coaching events and supporting a coach on a Basic Signing course.

Club chairman Keith Hardy said: "We were very surprised but delighted to hear we had won the award as this is recognition for the hundreds of hours of unpaid work that is given by the 100 volunteers within the club."

Earlier this year, Wyrley Juniors won the FA Charter Standard National Community Club of the Year and Black Country Community Club of the Year awards. It is the largest junior football club in Staffordshire and has just completed its £1.15m base.

Lichfield under-14s hockey squad, winners of an indoor tournament last weekend

Cannock Hockey Club under-16s who have been crowned Midlands champions

Junior sides reign supreme

MELTON 2 LICHFIELD MENS 2ND XI 4

LICHFIELD Men's 2nd XI made the long trip to Melton for their final match of this half of the season, and in the last match before player-manager Paul Lewis moves to Leeds. He saw his charges make the most of some tricky conditions to secure all three points and reach the mid-season break in the second promotion sport.

In an emotional day for Lewis, he asked his team to give their all and give him a good send off, and they duly obliged. The scoring was opened by Martin Clarke midway through the first half and Steven Bailey soon added to the tally, continuing his good run of form.

Lichfield defended well and in the second half continued to press, despite the frozen pitch and tricky conditions. Glenn Humphries notched a third from a penalty corner, and Bailey grabbed his second, flicking the ball home following a goalmouth scramble.

Lichfield seemed to relax at this point, and the consequences of the change in concentration levels saw the home team grab two late consolation goals. Lewis nearly ended the match on the sidelines, following a foul-mouthed outburst at the Melton skipper following some poor gamesmanship, but was sufficiently restrained by his team-mates. Nonetheless, the three points had been sealed, and Lichfield moved back to second the 2nd Team Ener-G Midlands Division 1.

Speaking after the game, lewis said: "I would like to place on record my thanks to all the people at Lichfield Hockey Club for their contribution, making my job as captain much easier. I'd also say that the future of the club is bright and I wish all teams the best for the remainder of the season".

Baldwyn and Clarke have been placed in dual caretaker roles and will look to maintain the current position in the table with the aim of promotion at the end of the year.

LICHFIELD MENS 4TH XI 1 WEST BRIDGFORD 6THS 1

A highly competitive match end all square at West Bridgford, after a even first half Lichfield opened the scoring with a well taken goal by Tom Wilmot.

Jamie Wilkinson hit five in a 7-2 win for the 8ths against Bournville, with Matthew Fryer scoring the other two, while the ninths drew a blank with a 0-0 draw at home to Yardley.

LICHFIELD LADIES 2ND XI 4 ALDRIDGE/WALSALL 2NDS 0

Lichfield Ladies 2nds eased to a fine victory against Aldridge & Walsall 2nds. After a slow start to the game, Becky Wright managed score the first goal just before half time. The second goal came shortly into the second half from Colette Edwards. Jo Wilcox slotted in the next goal and to finish off the game Beth Jacobs scored a thumping strike. The ladies 6ths went down 2-0 to Streetly.

HOCKEY ROUND-UP

Lichfield U 14 boys took part is a most thrilling and exciting indoor tournament at Repton School. It was the first tournament of its kind organised by the Nailers of Belper.

For all but three of the Lichfield squad it was their 1st ever indoor experience. The team of eight were quick to learn the rules and progressed rapidly with each game they played. After close battles with Cannock and Belper, Lichfield found themselves fighting for a place in the semi-finals. The game was drawn and the move into the final went down to penalty flicks. After 17 exciting flicks in total, Finley Saunders, Chris Sullivan and Oliver Mason took on the pressure of taking the flicks for Lichfield while James Cross performed superbly guarding his goal. After the nail-biting semi final Lichfield went on to excel in the final against Belper, winning 4-1.

CANNOCK 4TH XI 1 HARBORNE 4TH XI 1

A Callum Stacey goal earned top-of-the-table Cannock a point in their final game of 2011. Despite going a goal ahead Cannock couldn't hold onto to all three points and they missed a penalty flick for the second time in as many weeks.

CANNOCK 7TH XI 7 BRIDGNORTH FATHOM XI 0

Cannock 7ths returned to winning ways with a swift hammering of Bridgnorth on a brisk Saturday afternoon at Chase Park. Four goals for Richard Sadler sent him to 18 for the season and there were goals for Andy Mitchell, Steve Parker and Ozzy Harris.

CANNOCK XI 4 CHASE PARK XI 0

The last game of the day saw an interclub battle and an early shot from Paul Martin saw Cannock go ahead and then a well converted second by Karl Owen saw them for further into the lead before half-time. Fergus Forsyth and Darren Pugh sunk second half shots to make it four.

CANNOCK BADGERS 'A' 6 LEEK BADGERS 0

Badgers A were host to Leek Badgers in the final match of the day at Chase Park on a cold but bright day. From the push back it was another game in which Badgers A dominated and Leek very rarely threatened Cannock's goal. Cannock opened the scoring on four minutes through Ollie Edwards and within three minutes Danny Swinnerton-Ions made it two. Cannock's third goal was scored by Jamie Greenwood and Angus Bulpitt made it four at half-time.

Further goals came from Lloyd Manley and a second from Greenwood.

CANNOCK LADIES 3RD XI 1 STAFFORD LADIES 1ST XI 1

Cannock Ladies 3rd team finished 2011 on a high after a great performance against top of the league Stafford at Chase Park.

Its been a difficult opening to the season as the girls struggled to gel as a team in the opening weeks of the season, however, the final three games before the Christmas break has yielded seven points and Saturday saw Cannock's best performance since last March. Cannock were the first to every ball and matched the visitors every step of the way. A Becky Blakey goal seemed to be enough for Cannock until an equaliser in the final minute of time.

U-14 BOYS INDOOR TOURNAMENT

Historically there is very little opportunity for juniors to play indoor hockey until they reach u-16, so when Belper suggested an invitational tournament solely for u-14s it was gladly accepted. The Tournament was hosted by Belper who fielded two teams, together with Lichfield and Cannock in a round robin format to decide semi-final pairings. Cannock succeeded in winning all three group matches and were drawn to play Belper Blues in their semi-final.

This match proved to be a blip in an otherwise perfect day and in spite of numerous short corners, Cannock fell behind late in the game and were only saved from defeat in normal time when they converted a short corner with the last play of the match. The outcome was decided on penalty flicks, but Cannock failed to convert and Belper went through to the final.

The squad rallied to win the third/fourth play off against Belper Reds 2-0.

Cannock u-16s meanwhile travelled to Kidderminster to face Beeston and Belper in the Midlands Indoor Round Competition 2011-12. Two teams would go through to the National Finals in January – and one of them was Cannock.

The opening game came against rivals Beeston and Cannock led 2-1 at half-time thanks to Louie Morris and captain Jeevan Dhanda. The lead was stretched to 3-1 thanks to a Reece Jecketts conversion but reduced to 3-2. Myatt scored his second and Cannock won 4-3 after Beeston scored again in the final seconds. A 6-0 Beeston win over Belper meant Cannock faced the latter for a place in the Nationals – and after trailing 2-0 at the break they came back to win 3-2 thanks to Jecketts, Dhanda and Myatt in the dying seconds.

Burntwood manage to claim bonus point despite defeat

LORDSWOOD DIXONIANS 16 BURNTWOOD 10 – SSE MIDLANDS 2 WEST NORTH

BURNTWOOD earned a losing bonus point at Portway but could have achieved more. The home kicker landed three out of four penalty attempts but the visitors missed three kickable chances.

There was little to choose between fourth-placed Dixonians and bottom but one Burntwood but the hosts had the edge in the backs. The visitors made a promising start but a series of errors allowed Dixonians to pressure the Burntwood try line after eight minutes but they were also guilty of poor handling and the ball was cleared to halfway.

The visitors then conceded 13 points in eight minutes, all from errors or infringements, with a converted try and two penalties and had Lloyd Shelley was yellow carded.

Burntwood stepped up a gear during Shelley's absence. Their best attack featured Rob England coming into the line from the blind side wing. Matty Adams sent Ollie Whitehouse clear but he was brought back for a forward pass. Then Matt Sishton and Ian Jones made progress into the home half but another dropped pass killed the move.

Dixonians profited from more indiscipline into stoppage time to convert another penalty There was still time for winger Adams to show his paces. He beat the first man but the second forced him into touch. He was involved again five minutes into the second period. His burst through the middle earned a penalty but Craig Seedhouse put it wide.

Burntwood's possession and territory eventually paid off in the 57th minute. From a line out, the forwards drove twice before releasing the backs. Jones and skipper Shelley darted for the line and then Shelley was there to touch down. Seedhouse converted. With replacements Ben Holt, Craig Prosser and Ben Poulton all on for Burntwood and ex-Burntwood player Steve Roberts forced off with injury for Dixonians, play was disjointed.

RUGBY ROUND-UP

Seedhouse pushed a penalty attempt wide and then, after Whitehouse and Rob Cartwright had earned another chance from even closer, Jones hit a post with his kick. Burntwood managed to get within bonus point range after 75 minutes. Dixonians conceded a penalty. The forwards tapped and drove to present Seedhouse with a drop goal.

BRINSFORD YOI 33 RUGELEY 26

Rugeley's second team came close to overcoming a three try deficit in a thrilling encounter against the inmates of Brinsford Young Offender's Institute. Typically for a prison team what Brinsford lacked in rugby technique they made up for in fitness and physicality. Rugeley's game plan of keeping things tight and the ball in hand went out the window when the athletic Brinsford stand-off ran at the Rugeley defence, broke three tackles and scored under the posts. Rugeley began to panic and kicked possession away or flung wild passes which resulted in knock-ons and turnovers. By half time Brinsford were 14-0 up and scored a further try after the break. Rugeley then went back to basics with skipper Barrie Newton taking the ball off the back of the scrum and punching holes in the Brinsford defence. The Rugeley lineout and rolling maul began to dominate and Newton forced his way over to score. Martin de Ridder added a brace of tries to bring the score within two points. Then Brinsford's heavy-running No 8 ran through their defence to score. Rugeley grabbed a consolation try and saw their merit table lead cut to seven points.

Rugeley's first's poor early season form continued with a 31-3 defeat to Bishop's Castle. A front row crisis has left them struggling in the scrums.

CANNOCK LIONS 44 ST LEONARDS 7

Cannock made it three bonus point victories on the trot in the league with a comfortable win over local rivals St Leonards. Cannock, forced into changes due to injury, looked to test the depth of their squad. Brookes moved from outside centre into the second row and Bruce took his place. A knee injury forced Gunter to the side-lines with Ukrainian Palij stepping in to fill his boots in the front row.

An early St Leonards kick straight down the middle of the park landed in the hands of Platek – big mistake. The player-of-the season candidate embarrassed four would-be tacklers with scintillating sidesteps and brute power.

He then rounded further opposition players before unleashing Pedley for a certain try but an unfortunate slip looked to have ended the break. Great support from back row Sonny Stanaway, secured the ball and an strong run from Alton saw the move finished with a try to put Cannock 5-0 up. Stoic defence and small mistakes kept the try count down to one, although they had one disallowed. With the loss of hooker Shirley to a neck injury, Gunter stepped up and Palij moved to hooker for a man-of-the-match performance. Second half tries came from Freeman (3), Pedley (2) and Yates with a St Leonards' consolation one.

WORCESTER WANDERERS 29 LICHFIELD 22

Paul Finnemore returned for Lichfield to replace injured Derrick Squire, Paul Maxwell-Keys was recalled and an injury to Tom Adams forced a positional change with Josh Massey switching to 12.

The home side secured an early try as the Greens struggled for fluidity playing to a new system. But two penalties from Josh Massey saw them sneak into a 6-5 lead. They failed to capitalise on attacking opportunities and to give away too many penalties, giving Worcester the upper hand. Despite conceding two more tries before the break, Lichfield were firm under a barrage of pressure. Richard Burton and Paul Finnemore stood out among a determined pack of forwards.

The visitors started the second half with a Massey penalty. Despite conceding a penalty to trail by 13, a fine individual try by Greg Massey brought them right back into contention. Seven minutes later, Chris Upton was on the end of a great team move to finish another try out wide.

Just three points behind and chasing the game, Lichfield started to run the ball from all areas of the pitch, but after being turned over just outside their 22, Worcester inflicted the killer blow on 69 minutes to make it 29-19. Lichfield's persistence brought consolation points when Neil Antcliffe coolly converted a hard-earned penalty with the last action of the game.

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Gary Hay wins a header but with not enough power to beat the goalkeeper

Race night success as group strides forward

THE Hednesford Town Supporters Association's race night proved to be another successful step forward in the fledgling history of the organisation.

More than £700 was raised on Saturday evening as supporters celebrated their team's 6-1 hammering of Mickleover Sports earlier in the day.

Joint chairman Mark Goodwin said the association was looking forward to an exciting 2012. He declared the night had given the group the opportunity to reach its aims for the next 12 months and wanted to thank the organisers and sponsors involved.

"It's great for us to be able to show we can help the club with nights like these and I would like to thank not only Jas Singh and Ryan Cooper for organising the night but also our sponsors for their kind support."

The money raised will assist the association with the running costs of reuniting the legendary 1997 Middlesbrough FA Cup team on February 18 and also assist the Independent Travel club in providing a coach to away matches throughout the season.

A large number of members re-signed for next year at the SA's open invitation in the Chase Suite prior to the Mickleover match in what was an all round successful day.

"We saw a great number of people renew their membership and I would personally like to ask all fans to attend our Annual General Meeting in January to see how they can help us grow."

Pitmen joint leaders after six of the best

HEDNESFORD TOWN 6 MICKLEOVER SPORTS 1
EVO-STIK NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION

HEDNESFORD Town steamrollered Mickleover Sports with a five-star second half performance that takes the Keys Park outfit level on points at the top of the table.

A workmanlike first half performance against a plucky and aggressive Mickleover saw the Pitmen toil and push for an opener until Darren Campion's left wing cross evaded everyone and found the corner of the net.

The away side had a goal chalked off for offside early on but failed to test on-loan goal keeper Tony Breeden and the Derbyshire team could not cope with a Hednesford team playing superbly after the interval.

Gary Hay's tireless workrate provided the second goal on 53 minutes as his teasing cross was headed brilliantly in off the post by Mark Danks and within two minutes the game was wrapped up thanks to Hay's header.

Danny Martin saw red for an elbow and Durrell made it four from the spot after a trip on debutant Andre Landell by Tom Kellogg saw the away side reduced to nine men.

The Pitmen took full advantage and could have scored more than the two they did get with Jamey Osborne firing a left footed shot from distance against the upright.

Danny Quinn made his much-anticipated return to action from the bench following a loan spell at Coalville and it was his clever pass which set up Jay Denny to stroke the ball past Clarke on 80 minutes.

The one blot on Hednesford's copy book came with three minutes to go as lax defending let a clean sheet slip as Kieron O'Connell ghosted in to score a consolation.

Quinn dragged a shot wide as a joyous Keys Park willed him to hit the target but Kyle Haynes duly did with the goal of the game, a 30-yard screamer which arrowed into the corner in stoppage time to put the icing on the proverbial cake.

The Mickleover keeper pushes the ball over the bar at full stretch

Nine-man Atherstone somehow claim point

ATHERSTONE TOWN 1 HEATH HAYES 1

HAYES will be kicking themselves for dropping two points in a game that they should have won comfortably against a side that finished the match with only nine men.

The visitors were without five regular players through injuries and suspensions and had to field a relatively young and inexperienced side and it was this naivete that was to prove costly.

This was in the main a poor game with a finicky referee whose cause was not helped by the home side's ill-discipline.

The Adders started brightly with some penetrating moves down the flanks which were dealt with competently by visiting defence with keeper Adam Jenkins never having to make a serious save all afternoon.

Surprise

Hayes gradually got into full flow and Dave Waple was unlucky with a 20 yard effort which struck the inside of the post and somehow ran along the goalline to safety.

It was no surprise when the visitors took a 31st minute lead. Andy McMath played a good ball into the path of Chris Geldart who fired hard and low into the corner of the net. Hayes continued to press hard but were unable to increase their tally.

Adders keeper Courtney Belford made a couple of crucial saves from Geldart and

HEATH HAYES FC

Danny Owen and then he got in the way of a piledriver from Waple with the ball being deflected for a corner. On the hour Atherstone lost Danny Risdale for a crude tackle on Andre Gonzales and the game took on an unsavoury look with the referee struggling to keep control.

The official then had to issue another red card to home side's Danny Pollit for persistant offending. But Atherstone started to play their best football of the game and were rewarded when their skipper Chris Socket fired in an 85th minute equaliser.

Tuesday's JW Hunt Cup game against Newport was called off. On Saturday (December 17), Hayes entertain Highgate United in their last league fixture before Christmas.

An award from The Coalfields Regeneration Trust under their Small Community Grants Scheme has enabled Heath Hayes FC to undergo a complete overhaul of their floodlighting system.

"This has been a major boost and it will ensure that the club can continue to play in the National Pyramid System as well as being able to expand and get better use of its facilities and maintain its FA Charter Standard Club status," a club spokesman said.

Potters next up in quarter final clash

NEWCASTLE TOWN 2 HEDNESFORD TOWN 3 – STAFFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP FIRST ROUND

HEDNESFORD TOWN safely progressed to a glamour quarter-final tie versus Premier League side Stoke City with a strong second half performance as Rob Smith's side overturned a two goal deficit on a bitterly cold evening in north Staffordshire.

Newcastle Town, a league below their opponents, were well worth a two goal lead after 70 minutes through soft set piece goals from Hednesford's point of view.

Andy Nicholls superbly ran onto a wide left free kick to head powerfully past Dan Crane and Adam Bailey's early near post run beat the Pitmen's goalkeeper to the ball with 20 minutes remaining.

All looked lost for Hednesford until a James Askey own goal reduced the arrears and, with their tails up, and substitute Mark Danks on the prowl they overpowered their hosts in the final 10 minutes. Lewis Suckling hit the upright, Ben Bailey saw a shot cleared off the line before Danks superbly dummied the ball round Dave Parton to equalise.

Newcastle could have won it when Bailey headed over from six yards and Crane was forced into a low save by Nathan Sutton but Andre Landell, on his first start in a Hednesford shirt, emphatically finished a Kyle Haynes through ball to win the match on 88 minutes.

The Pitmen face Worksop Town away on Saturday (December 17) before embarking on a much anticipated Christmas calendar with West Bromwich Albion visiting Keys Park on Tuesday (20) in the Birmingham Senior Cup quarter final before they welcome local rivals Chasetown on Boxing Day and travel to old foes Stafford Rangers on January 2.

Evo-Stik North Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chester	21	9	2	0	31	5	6	1	3	22	11	48
Northwich	21	7	2	2	19	9	8	1	1	23	10	48
HEDNESFORD	21	9	3	0	31	11	6	0	3	14	13	48
Chorley	24	7	4	1	22	8	6	2	4	16	17	45
Bradford Pk Ave	20	6	1	3	14	8	7	1	2	21	13	41
Marine	21	5	1	4	15	13	7	2	2	19	10	39
FC United of Manchester	21	4	3	3	20	14	6	2	3	24	16	35
Rushall Olympic	22	7	1	3	14	9	2	4	5	10	15	32
Matlock Town	23	5	3	3	19	10	2	7	3	13	18	31
Nantwich T	22	5	2	3	17	14	4	2	6	22	28	31
Worksop	23	5	2	3	19	17	3	3	7	17	28	29
Frickley	24	4	2	6	11	13	3	4	5	19	24	27
Stafford Rangers	21	1	6	4	12	18	5	2	3	18	13	26
Ashton U	23	6	1	5	21	19	1	4	6	10	18	26
N Ferriby	20	5	0	4	18	15	3	2	6	12	24	26
CHASETOWN	21	3	3	4	12	17	4	2	5	14	18	26
Kendal Town	20	5	3	2	22	14	2	1	7	12	16	25
Mickleover Sports	24	3	2	8	23	29	2	4	5	17	26	21
Stocksbridge P S	24	3	5	4	17	16	1	3	8	9	24	20
Buxton	22	2	3	7	15	28	2	3	5	11	13	18
Whitby	22	0	5	5	16	26	2	3	7	13	27	14
Burscough	22	1	1	10	17	35	2	2	6	12	23	12

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